



Beach and cliff work to cost nearly £200k

A VETERAN town councillor has argued that discussions regarding work to be carried out at the landslip-stricken Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff area in Lyme Regis, rumoured to be costing nearly £200,000, should not have been held behind closed doors.

An extraordinary meeting of the town council was held last week to consider the award of a contract for works at Ware Cliff and Monmouth Beach, including options to either reduce the scope of works or increase the council's budget for the works as the cost was more than previously expected, to consider the pay-back scheme for re-routing the access road to Monmouth Beach and to increase the transfer fee for chalet sales on Monmouth Beach.

The discussions were expected to be taken into committee, excluding the public and press, but Councillor Stan Williams said he "strongly objected" to having the debate in private as there was a lot of public interest in the matter, particularly with regards to the new access road being built to Monmouth Beach for the newly positioned chalets.

He argued: "I strongly object to this. There's items on here which don't need to go into committee. We should be talking openly about whether we want a new access road or not, etc. There is a huge amount of interest in the town about this."

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Councillor Williams suggested eliminating the elements of discussion which were not commercially sensitive from the proposal to go into committee.

He added: "It's not essential to go into committee for the whole thing. We have gone into exempt business more times in the last year that the previous 40 I have served on this council."

"The public come to meetings and can't listen to anything at all, we really need to look at this. We're not becoming popular with the public because of it."

Town clerk John Wright, attending his first meeting after returning from sick leave having suffered a heart attack last year, said he "strongly advised" that councillors should discuss the item in private, as it included commercially sensitive issues regarding tenders for the works contract.

"I have to say this because this becomes an issue every time we go into exempt business," he commented.

Following standing orders

Mr Wright said it was in the council's own standing orders to deal with such commercial business in exempt business, and it was also in line with the advice of all other organisations consulted and those he had worked for previously.

Councillor Williams replied: "I agree with the tenders bit but there's a lot else that shouldn't be in exempt business, including the access road."

Councillor Anita Williams, Stan Williams' daughter, explained that the decision regarding a new access road for the chalets on Monmouth Beach had already been agreed after being discussed extensively in October 2013 and April 2014, which the town clerk the confirmed.

Councillor Mark Gage said they would mainly be looking at recommendations which would "form the basis of the commercial relationship with the chosen contractor and owners of the new chalets", so he was happy to follow the town clerk's advice.

As a compromise, Councillor Anita Williams suggested that geotechnical engineer Peter Chapman give his report in public.



■ **AT RISK:** The current access road onto Monmouth Beach is at risk of being affected by landslides with the cliff currently fenced off

The town clerk said he would not, however, be able to release any figures in public session, adding: "What we're doing is in line with all other organisations."

With regards to the new access road, Councillor Stan Williams argued: "I have to challenge what the town clerk said. I have the minutes of April 2014 in front of me and there's no mention of the road. The road was talked about long after that and I didn't know anything about it until much later."

Councillors argued that it was not dealt with later than April 2014, but earlier in October 2013 when it was reported in the minutes.

The town clerk replied: "That implies I misled this council. There have been two reports to the council on this, in October 2013 and April 2014. A resolution agreed to proceed with these works with a three year payback period, which is clearly minuted."

Councillor Stan Williams: "It is not."

Councillor Anita Williams: "It is, in October."

Mr Chapman, the geotechnical engineer, was then allowed to give his report on the background to the issue, current movement at Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff and the works to be carried out in public session.

He reported that the problem at Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff stemmed from landslides in the winter of 2012/13 after which several chalets had to be demolished, and the slips also threatened the access road to Monmouth Beach. Land movement has been mon-

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HEATHER and Peter Foster's voices will be known to thousands who have visited a local hospital over the years.

For almost half a century they have been behind the microphone in Weymouth, Dorchester and even Bournemouth.

Many will have seen Peter whispering into a microphone at most of the county town's bigger events, bringing "the outside in" for patients.

Others will know the couple for their involvement in the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust – the couple can often be found running the station at Harman's Cross on the Swanage Steam Railway.

● YOU were both brought up in Dorchester.
Peter was a Thomas Hardy Pupil and Heather at St Genevieve's. Where did your paths first cross?
Heather: We were working in the health service as clerical officers at the time, in the NHS Executive Council for Dorset, which was then in High West Street in the building now occupied by the Nationwide Building Society. Peter cornered me in the cloakroom and asked me out. We had a few trips out and about but it wasn't long before he invited me along to hospital radio which then became a regular feature in our lives.

● HOW did the interest in hospital radio start?
Peter: I have always loved radio, from Children's Hour and the Toy Town Plays. I saw an advert for volunteers to join the new hospital radio at Dorchester County Hospital, when it was in Princes Street. I applied and a man came to see me at home with a large ferrograph tape recorder and asked me to read a request out, which didn't go too well; then I read some news items which he quite liked and after that a formal letter was sent asking me to come along for some trial sessions and training. I've been doing it virtually every day since then.

● AND has it always been at Dorchester?
Peter: Mostly, but we were at Weymouth Hospital from 1968 to 73; Bedside in Bournemouth from 1973 to 86 and for a short spell at Herrison.
Heather: It was usually Dorchester on Wednesdays and Thursdays after I became involved and Bournemouth at the weekends. We are both keen on classical music so we would also go along to various societies as well, and then he got me interested in railways as well through the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust! We've been involved with that formally since 1981 and have been running the Dorchester group since 1987. We started as volunteers with the Swanage Steam Railway in the mid-1980s when they were looking for more helpers. We always seemed to be busy.

● WHAT skills do you both bring to the things you do?
Peter: Heather's far more technically minded than I am and she's taught me a lot about computing. She's also vital for what we do as she drives and I don't. It was just something I never got around to.
Heather: I like to dabble in things and try and keep up to date – although I've never seen the point of Twitter.

It took us a while to get a mobile phone, but I got one before Peter... and he still can't text!

● WHAT have been the highlights of your times behind the microphone?
Peter: We always love going up to London for the Mayor's Show. This year was one of the best ever, and the Royal events are always lovely. At the 50th anniversary of the Coronation I was stood commentating and Glenda Jackson was just behind me. I wondered if I should talk to her, but decided I would and she chatted for quite a while, which was amazing. Overall all sorts of people have been generally very cooperative over the years and the Dorchester area is such a good place for event.

Heather: More often than not we find ourselves with more to do than hands available to do them.

● DO to pair of you ever get a day off. I hear you were working on Christmas Day?
Peter: Very rarely. Christmas Day is usually one of our longest days. This year we were in from 10am until 6pm, but we did have a pre-recorded programme in the middle of the day so we found time for lunch in the Dammers Restaurant. We'd recorded the morning service at St Peter's and Heather edited it for broadcast in the afternoon. The Mayor came in during the morning; we had a Weymouth lunchtime concert and 'Carols by Train' which we had pre-recorded at Swanage with other volunteers, the Wareham Town Band in the luggage van and carols from the platform.

● HAS the station changed much over the years?
Heather: Technology has made our job easier when it's working alright, but when it goes wrong life can get a little tricky... there's no wind-up back up these days we can turn to if things go wrong, but overall there has been very few occasions when we have been forced off the air. Having said that our computers now need new hard-drives and the mixing desk is getting to the end of its life so we will need to find the money, from somewhere, for replacements.



Peter: And just at the moment we've got a very strong team of around 25 volunteers, including a few outstanding youngsters, one of which is about to start a BBC engineering apprenticeship, although it's fair to say most of us are in the older age-bracket.

● SO does that mean you will be planning your retirement?
Heather: Peter has been saying he'll retire from this at 40 years, at 45 years and so on, so we'll wait and see. Peter: It will be the 50th anniversary of hospital radio in Dorchester in September 2016 and I have said that the time I will be out of the door.

● AND would the pair of you find enough to do if you did stop?
Peter: We've got plenty to do. There's always the railway, the recorded music society, an archive of cuttings and I've started writing a book about my 50 years in broadcasting although I'm not sure anyone much would want to read it.
Heather: I dabble in many things but I've been doing a family history for many years, which is fascinating, and I've often thought I could make a career out of it.

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Step forward for Three Cups

PLANS for the former Three Cups Hotel in Lyme Regis, which has stood empty for almost 30 years, finally took a step forward last week when town councillors gave them the thumbs up.

The council's Planning & Highways Committee recommended approval of Palmers Brewery's £5million plans to convert the dilapidated hotel into a retail outlet and apartments with a restaurant, 12 letting rooms and parking facilities in the former car park behind, including an access path to Langmoor Gardens.

Councillors received a presentation from Nigel Jones of Palmer's property agent, Chesters Commercial, before making a decision at last week's meeting.

Mr Jones said they had "compromised wherever possible", especially to try and keep adjoining neighbours' views and privacy.

He added that they hoped to receive planning permission in the spring before starting the "significant construction project" starting the following year in spring 2016, with building likely to take 18 months.

Access to the site via construction will be via Broad Street and not through the gardens,

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and Mr Jones acknowledged that he would have to consult with the council during this period to keep the impact on the town to a minimal, although it would "inevitably be an inconvenience".

John Dover, chairman of the Save the Three Cups as a Heritage Hotel Group, also spoke at the meeting. He said the group has "reluctantly accepted" that most facilities provided in an hotel would be provided in the scheme put forward by Palmers and that the inclusion of visitor accommodation the letting rooms was welcomed.

The group was still concerned over the preservation of the building's heritage, arguing that the rear section which is to be largely demolished was of the greatest significance. However, Mr Dover said the group would like to work in partnership with Palmers to conserve and celebrate the building's heritage, potentially through the suggested community room at the back of the building.

Other concerns included overdevelopment

with "virtually every square foot" of the rear area to be filled, and overlooking the Cobb. However, Mr Dover concluded: "After nearly 25 years since the building was closed these planning applications are long overdue. Now is the time for action not further rhetoric."

"On the basis the above comments are addressed we would support these planning applications because they offer a win/win for both the applicants and the residents and visitors to Lyme Regis."

"Our group will continue to monitor developments and highlight further concerns during the demolition and construction phases. We reiterate that we also offer to work in partnership with the applicant and other interested parties in respecting, conserving and celebrating the building's unique heritage."

Adjoining neighbour David Parker also spoke on the plans with concerns that new windows in the Three Cups building would overlook his property. However, he also accepted the council's decision to recommend approval.

West Dorset District Council will now consider the application, which can be viewed in full at <http://bit.ly/1AbloKF>

Bowls club ready for battle over Monmouth Beach site

LymeLetters

■ I READ with interest the somewhat tongue-in-cheek, maybe even mischievous, article by Geoff Baker (*View From Lyme Regis*, January 7th), in which he refers to the possibility of our bowls club being replaced by a car park.

And by the way, from the outset, may I assure him that downhill bowls will not catch on! However, since he has raised the issue, may I make one or two serious points.

First, we feel the club should be treasured and not written off for a car park. True, bowls seems to many to be a sport for older people. But isn't it great to see those in their 70s and 80s enjoying sport instead of sitting at home a burden to their children and society.

Our club has never sought nor received any financial or practical support from the town council. Many other clubs have their greens maintained by the local authority, and are seen as a local asset.

Hundreds visit us every year, and not just other clubs because we also open our green to visitors to the town which, in turn, makes us a tourist attraction. Our position on Monmouth Beach is iconic and valued by players and spectators from all over the U and further afield.

If Mr Baker's remarks are to be taken seriously, I see a battle ahead... a battle to retain an asset to our town that should not be underestimated. I am realistic enough to appreciate that the future of the bowls club may not be the most pressing issue facing our town, but as president I feel it is my responsibility to at least try and explain why it should be preserved where it is.

Somehow, Strawberry Fields does not have the same ring to it.

P. Stephens,

President, Lyme Regis Bowls Club

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Council unable to release 'complex' decision on Monmouth Beach work

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itored regularly since the slips and had "significantly reduced" in recent months.

Mr Chapman explained that the work required at Monmouth Beach, which councillors were to discuss in private, included removing weight from the slip above the Ware Cliff access road and to move this material to the toe of the cliff; works to the rear of the harbourmaster's store where more shallow slips had occurred, pushing material onto the building; and a new access road

onto Monmouth Beach.

He said that estimated costs of this work had previously been brought to the council and approved, allowing them to move forward with a planning application which had since been approved and a more detailed design had been drawn up. Mr Chapman explained that at this more detailed stage it was realised that additional factors such as the relocation of services would increase the estimated cost previously brought to the council, so the cost of tenders was higher.

He added: "What we are proposing is landslide risk reduction not coastal protection."

Following Mr Chapman's report the press and public were excluded from the meeting. The *View* has since requested details of the decision made by the council but was told the minutes of the meeting could not be released until they had been approved by the chairman as they were "very complex".

However, this newspaper understands that the council approved a



■ **BUILDING SITE:** District and county councillor Daryl Turner has complained about the state Monmouth Beach has been left in after landslips

substantial six-figure sum for the works at Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff, said to be £190,000, and that each of the chalet owners will have to contribute £4,000 to the cost of the new access road.

■ **JUST** days after the council heard that movement in the cliffs had "significantly reduced" in recent months, a substantial slip was reported at Ware Cliff.

District and county councillor Daryl Turner has been keeping a keen eye on movement in the area and had regularly posted photos of Twitter, showing the slip from the beach and land movement and material slipping from the top of Ware Cliff.

Councillor Turner has also used the social networking site to complain about the appearance of Monmouth Beach which has been left with sections fenced off after chalets were removed.

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Plans submitted for trust's affordable housing scheme

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A PLANNING application for 15 new affordable homes on the outskirts of Lyme Regis has been submitted by the Community Land Trust.

The trust, established last year with the aim of locating suitable sites for affordable housing and to hold them in perpetuity for local people, hopes to build 15 houses for rent on a site outside the development boundary of Lyme Regis, between the A3052 and Timber Hill, next to the Charmouth Road park and ride field.

The outline planning applications comes after the appointment of Boon Brown as architects and Yarlinton Housing Group as the housing association to help take the project forward.

The proposed houses would be a mixture of one, two and three-bedroom houses, each with two car parking spaces. Access to the site would be via Timber Hill, opposite the golf club and pedestrian access would also be created onto the A3052.

An outline planning application means detail of the design of the houses has yet to be finalised, but the houses will be two-storey and “influenced by the vernacular of Lyme Regis and surrounding areas”.

The application states: “It is envisaged that a range of materials will be used including render, brick, terracotta coloured tiles and slate coloured tiles.

“There will be a variety of porch, front door and window styles to give the appearance of somewhere that has evolved.”

It concludes: “This site has been brought forward following extensive searching over many years for an appropriate site to build affordable homes in Lyme Regis.



■ THE proposed site for the 15 affordable houses marked in red, showing the adjacent golf club and park and ride field

“There is significant and rising housing need in Lyme Regis and these houses can only help this situation.

“Much public consultation has been carried out also by the CLT, submitted with this application.

“A public consultation event will be organised prior to submitting the reserved matters application to ensure that local residents and interested parties have the opportunity to inform the design.”

The application was expected to be considered by the town council's Planning & Highways Committee last night (Tuesday) before West Dorset District Council makes a final decision. Further applications will have to be made to finalise the finer detail of the scheme.

The outline application can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/1AboDc2> and comments are welcomed until February 7th.

‘Evita’ needs you!

LYME Regis Operatic Society, nominated for awards in choreography and chorus-work by NODA for last year's production of “Mame”, is keen to welcome new faces for the next production of “Evita”.

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays ahead of a production at the Marine Theatre between May 11th and 16th. All welcome.

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Five years down the line and we have not benefited a jot from broadband roll-out

AS a long-running battle for faster broadband speeds in rural areas such as Rousdon and Combpyne, near Lyme Regis, continues, former Woodroffe School teacher Rod Boyce, a founding member of the Trinity Broadband Group, comments on the lack of progress since 2010 and questions how well the taxpayers' money is being spent on the project:

BROADBAND has fast become an essential part of modern life. Urban dwellers regard, fast reliable broadband, in much the same way as their water or electricity supply. It is there and it works.

However, once in the countryside, many of the residents and visitors are rightly appalled by broadband speeds that would shame a less developed country.

When the telephone system was developed the principle of universality of service was accepted from the outset. No one questioned supplying phone lines to isolated farmhouses and country cottages, but that was before BT was sold off to private investors whose motive, understandably, was to maximise profits and dividends for their shareholders.

This is where the government, with some EU support, came up with a generous subsidy to provide broadband for rural areas where the market was failing. In the case of Devon and Somerset, more than £50million. Of course, this huge sum is not the government's but ours, the taxpayer.

How well is this money, our money, being spent? If you ask residents of much of the rural areas served by the *View From* papers, not very well.

Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS), the body set up jointly by the two county councils, awarded the contract to BT, as did all the other county councils in the country. They had little choice for this telecommunications giant was the only bidder.

The process, starting in 2010, has thus far benefited our area not a jot. CDS signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) perhaps eagerly, perhaps under protest, and ever since have cited this as an excuse not to tell us how our money is being spent. East Devon and South Somerset district councils have both refused to sign the NDA so have been kept largely in the dark.

What is the point of our councillors receiving information that they must keep secret on the pain of possible legal action, if they should tell the people who elected them what is happening?

The Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons was naturally very concerned at this but were reassured when BT's Sean Williams gave evi-

COMMENT

By Rod Boyce

dence that dissemination of information was a matter for county councils.

How did CDS respond? It refused on the grounds that BT had required them to sign an NDA. If Gilbert and Sullivan were still alive we would have the theme for a new opera!

When they did release some small snippets of information we learn that most of our area is not even to be surveyed until 2016 and then no guarantee that individual cabinets and premises will be connected.

Of course, some progress has been made. But where? Largely in the small market towns and large villages that the cynics might suggest would have been done anyway.

A further slice of money, approximately £20million is up for grabs, to extend coverage to the final 10 per cent that the CDS scheme will miss out. An Open Market Review conducted by CDS, has recorded business and residential premises in each postcode, to establish where the need is greatest. We have checked just two and find that River Cottage HQ, Sovereign Coaches, Pinewood Chalet Park and Westhayes Caravan site do not exist! That there should be such glaring inaccuracies might not surprise those who feel that our county councillors and project managers are no match for BT.

In the meantime, parts of the Blackdown Hills, and as far south as Combpyne Rousdon, have been supplied with a fast, wireless broadband by CFB Solutions of Crewkerne without one penny of the money. If they can do this why can't CDS and BT?

■ Since writing this column in December, Mr Boyce has said the situation is "getting worse and worse". He reported that at a recent Devon County Council Scrutiny Committee meeting, several councillors said they were "in the dark", yet he had received in writing from the CEO of BT's office that decisions relating to Superfast broadband roll out in Devon were "wholly in the hands of the councillors".

Mr Boyce added that a Freedom of Information



request had been made to see the minutes of the CDS board, which was refused. The applicants later won on appeal but CDS claimed they kept no minutes, therefore they could not be shared.

At the council's Scrutiny Committee, when it was pointed out that to make decisions involving nearly £100million of taxpayers' money without keeping records was grossly irresponsible, Councillor Leadbetter, who is overseeing the project, said they did keep records but they were "action plan notes", not minutes.

All welcome at ArtsFest AGM

THE organisers of Lyme Regis ArtsFest extend a warm invitation to everyone to come along to their annual general meeting and artists' meeting on Thursday, January 22nd, 7pm at the Guildhall.

The meeting will include a brief review of the 2014 festival and a look ahead and election of steering committee members for ArtsFest 2015.

Non-artists as well as potential new artists are encouraged to attend to find out more about the event, which will run from September 19th to 27th this year. For those who would like to get involved, there are roles waiting to be filled.

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From East London to East Devon

THE first talk of the new year for Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society will see a River Cottage alumna who established a social enterprise on derelict land in Dagenham, East London, return to East Devon to share her story.

Alice Holden will present her talk "Grown in Dagenham" at Uplyme Village Hall on Wednesday, January 28th, 7.30pm, speaking on her enterprise Growing Communities, which now supplies almost 1,000 homes in Hackney with an organic veg box every week.

The enterprise was started two years ago on a tiny two-acre site. To begin with, they had to clear a lot of rubbish and dig in 200 tonnes of compost, all by hand, and they now grow a year-round selection of fruit, veg and herbs in polytunnels and glasshouses. This is supplied to restaurants as well as the box scheme, and they sell seasonal produce from their own stand.

The farm is already self-supporting financially - how this was achieved in such a short time will be the focus of Alice's talk.

The key to successful farming on such a small scale is to be creative - grow high-value crops under cover and trade on the quality and variety - such as 25 types of tomato (few of which can be found in normal shops). It boils down to doing on a two-acre scale what most gardeners do in their own plots - do not grow the commercial field-scale produce which is in the supermarket, but specialise in the fun and tastier crops we enjoy eating.



■ **CITY GARDENER:** Alice Holden will return to East Devon to talk about her Dagenham-based social enterprise, Growing Communities

Alice has recently published her first book, "Do Grow - Start with 10 Simple Vegetables", aimed at the gardener who is short of space and time, but can still grow some food, even in a window box.

She also recently appeared in an article in the Daily Telegraph, which can be read online at <http://bit.ly/1C1QUE4>

At the start of the meeting, the society will be showing off its recently-granted certificate, which marks the group's sponsorship of the Millennium Seed Bank's preservation of the Dorset Heath. It is the only local society in England to have sponsored a plant at the Seed Bank.

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A late Christmas lunch for senior citizens

SENIOR citizens in Charmouth were treated to a late Christmas treat when they were served a traditional turkey lunch with all the trimmings on Tuesday.

About 86 residents attended the annual lunch at St Andrew's Community Hall. The Charmouth Senior Citizens Committee hold fundraising events throughout the year to cover the cost of the lunch, including coffee mornings, quiz nights and a harvest auction at The George, and this year had enough money to also take residents on a trip to Plymouth, stopping at a garden centre on the way

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home for a cream tea.

On Tuesday, residents pulled cracks and sipped on mulled wine alongside a three-course lunch of soup, roast turkey and a pudding. Entertainment was provided by Charmouth Primary School choir followed by a game of bingo.



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Fishermen argue proposed chiller storage on Cobb not in right place

BY FRANCESCA EVANS

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LOCAL fishermen have complained that a proposed chiller for fish and ice storage on the Cobb is in the completely wrong place.

The Blue Marine Foundation, a UK charity representing Lyme Bay Fisheries and Conservation Reserve, has applied for listed building consent to convert a shed to the right of the Marine Aquarium on the grade II listed Cobb into a chiller for fish and ice.

Speaking at last week's town council Planning & Highways Committee meeting, Roy Gollop, of one of Lyme's most well-known fishing families, said that local fishermen needed a chiller but this was not in the right place.

He said the area was prone to flooding, which had in the past caused electrical faults, and the proposed vents were facing a direction most at risk of flooding.

Mr Gollop was also concerned about fishermen carrying their catch from where they moor their boats further down Victoria Pier to the storage area, which could result in dangerous "slime" on the surface of the Cobb. He added that there were no proposals for proper drainage in the store and thought this could create an unpleasant smell affecting the Marine Aquarium next door, and said that the catch from one boat could fill the space available when there were eight boats to cater for.

Mr Gollop suggested that if a chiller area was to be created, it should be further down Victoria Pier, closer to where the fishing boats moored, but advised that the application should be delayed as discussions were about to start with regards to Phase V of the coastal protection works, which would look at the Cobb in detail.

"We need a proper building designed for the

job," he said.

"This is not big enough for the job required and not all fishermen have been consulted."

Councillor Cheryl Reynolds said she had discussed the application with several local fishermen, including the Wason family, who said they would not carry their fish along the Cobb to the proposed chiller store as it would be hazardous.

She added: "The aquarium has been there for years and is a real tourist attractions, so do we really want to stink it out?"

Mr Gollop explained that the existing shed where the chiller store was proposed was previously used for a small fridge for bait, but this had broken down because of an electrical fault and "stank out the aquarium".

"We had to close it down," he added.

Councillor Stan Williams said he was concerned that opening a fish and ice chiller would increase traffic on the Cobb.

Other members were did not agree with West Dorset District Council's planning department's view that the proposal did not require a change of use application.

The committee recommended refusal on the grounds that the vent would be out of keeping with the listed structure and submitted concerns to West Dorset regarding the possibility of "slime" on the Cobb, unpleasant smells, inadequate drainage and loss of storage for other equipment which could be left around the vicinity of the Cobb.



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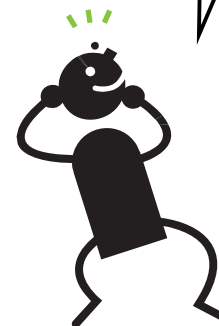
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NHS 'needs to change' say commissioners

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HEALTH bosses have announced plans for sweeping changes to services across the county, with the NHS in Dorset facing a shortfall of up to £200m over the next five years.

The Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which is responsible for planning and arranging healthcare for patients, has unveiled a 'case for change' to tackle what it describes as a "growing financial challenge".

Precise details of how services will change have not yet been released, but the CCG is carrying out an extensive review of the way healthcare is delivered.

Its 'case for change' document reveals a long list of pressures on NHS services which, the CCG says, it "cannot continue" to deliver in the same way.

According to its projections, the overall population will pass 800,000 with the number of people in Dorset over 70 expected to rise by almost a third by 2023, bringing with it an increase in the kinds of chronic illnesses that come with

longevity, like diabetes and dementia.

One striking aspect is that life expectancy varies by over 11 years between men living in the more deprived and more prosperous areas.

The report also revealed that more than half the patients currently admitted to community hospitals could, instead, be treated, cared for and supported at home.

A further third could be nursed in their own home, helping to maintain their independence.

And services are already unable to cope with the demand for emergency surgery, with the county's three acute hospitals sometimes falling below national quality standards because surgeons don't always have enough patients to maintain specialist skills.

The CCG's report also reveals that the number of stroke patients receiving a potentially life-saving brain scan within an hour is 10 per cent lower

than the national average, while the quality of care, particularly with cancer treatment, varies.

There is similar variation in the quality of general practice throughout the area.

And in the field of mental health, while services are generally good, in some areas there is insufficient support provided to patients outside working hours, and there are not enough services for children with mental health conditions.

"The evidence we have gathered on the current picture of healthcare shows that most patients currently receive good care in Dorset, but there is too much variation, both against national standards and within Dorset itself," said Dr Forbes Watson, chairman of the CCG.

"In addition, we know our population is changing and getting older, and that brings new health demands we need to meet."

Access to NHS serv-

ices is a particular problem in West Dorset, according to the report, where one in four people do not have an easy public transport link to an acute hospital – more than double the number in other parts of the county.

And the group found that more than half the patients in Dorset are turning up at hospitals with only minor conditions that could be handled at home.

The report also highlights the need for seven-day consultant cover, particularly in maternity units, and warns that one in eight Dorset residents will suffer from heart disease and one in ten will suffer from diabetes by 2020. The CCG claims there is a "compelling case" for services to adapt to changing needs that "cannot continue to be delivered in the same way."



■ DR Forbes Watson, chairman of the Dorset CCG

Alongside the need to provide effective services for patients, the NHS in Dorset also faces a predicted shortfall – the gap between its income and its expenditure – of between £167m and £200m.

Dr Watson added: "The money we have to secure healthcare for local people is not increasing at the same rate as rising costs and demand."

"We want to make sure we are putting resources where they will give the best return and the maximum health gain for Dorset's population."

Are council mergers harming staff health?

MORE than 70 staff have left West Dorset District Council since the partnership started with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, with fears for the health of those who remain.

In 2012-13 a total of 41 staff left, 7.4 percent of the total, representing 33 voluntary retirements and eight redundancies.

In 2013-14 the figures were 33, made up of 25 retirements and eight redundancies.

Retiring council leader Robert Gould said in a statement at his last meeting as leader in Dorchester that the staff were leaving the authority because of an upturn in the private sector rather than as a response to the changes taking place at the authority.

Liberal Democrats questioned the rationale offered by the council leader: "We know that this has been a period of extreme stress for staff, with many having received changes to their pay grades and their wages, and we are concerned that the forthcoming merger with North Dorset will heighten the pressure," said Dorchester councillor Stella Jones, Liberal Democrat group leader.

And Councillor Ros Kayes, from Bridport said: "Staff in an organisation are the oil which makes the machine run smoothly."



■ COUNCILLOR Stella Jones, Liberal Democrat leader

"When staff are worried, experiencing stress or increased workload, their health suffers, as does that of the organisation."

"It is no accident that many staff are leaving and opting for a role in the private sector. Morale is not good and it is our duty to look after the wellbeing of our employees."

"We have called again and again for proper support for staff in what will be yet another series of service reviews, the third in six years."

"We would still like to see concrete proposals for supporting staff through these changes from the new chief executive, and, despite repeated requests we have had no such commitment."

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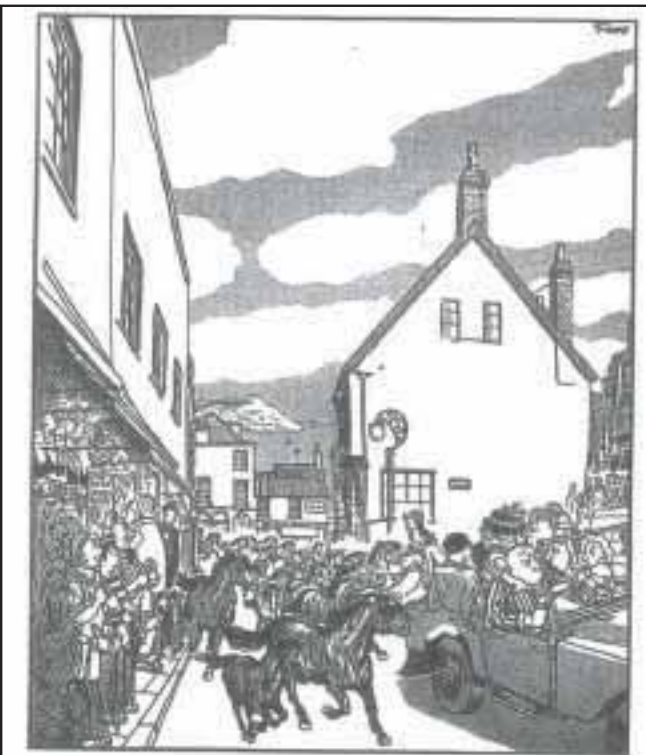
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Up until his death in 1995, Giles was best known for his cartoon work for the *Daily Express* newspaper.

One of his cartoons, drawn in 1951,

reproduced above, featured a view of Lyme with ponies galloping up Broad Street and the caption "Vera and her love for Exmoor ponies - we'll arrive home like a bally rodeo".

The cartoon was recently discovered by Broad Street resident Nigel Marsh, who wonders if anyone can throw any light on the subject matter. If so, call the *View* on **01297 446155**.

Marathon runner to raise funds for National Osteoporosis Society

OSTEOPOROSIS is one of those diseases that gets few headlines but affects half of women and one in five men over the age of 50.

Osteoporosis makes our bones brittle and prone to break after a minor bump or fall, and whilst there is no cure, the National Osteoporosis Society can help people learn to manage the condition.

That is why Sabrina Patten is running the London Marathon on April 26th to help raise money for people like her mother-in-law, Barbara Patten, nee Hopkins, who was brought up in Lyme Regis and suffers from the condition.

Sabrina, who is married to Bridport-born Tim Patten, lives in Bristol and has already completed in a number of full and half marathons around the country. She would like to highlight what is a fairly common problem among older people.

Retired Barbara does voluntary work both at the Cancer Research shop in East Street as well as The Local History Centre in Gundry Lane, Bridport, and is the wife of Philip Patten who was a well-known and popular postman around West Dorset for many years.



■ **CHARITY FUNDRAISER:** Sabrina Patten pictured with Barbara and Phil Patten

If you would like to support the National Osteoporosis Society, you can sponsor Sabrina by visiting www.just-giving.com/sabrina-patten or contact Barbara or Phil on 01308 425744.

Barbara is also running a bring and buy coffee morning to raise additional funds at St Mary's Church House in South Street, Bridport, on Saturday, January 24th between 10.30am and 12.30pm, entrance is free.

Residents association holds AGM

THE Lyme Regis Estates Residents' Association will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday, January 20th, 7pm in Hallett Court, Queen's Walk.

The residents' association has now been established for one year tackling issues around the main residential estates on the eastern side of Lyme Regis. The annual meeting will include a presentation by Lyme Regis Community Land Trust regarding their progress on a new affordable housing development on the outskirts of the town, near the golf club.

All are welcome, for further information call Cheryl Reynolds on 01297 443814 or 07796 0748 49.

Sing along to Frozen at Regent

A SING-ALONG version of the hit Disney film "Frozen" will be held at the Regent Cinema in Lyme Regis as a fundraiser for Kilmington Primary School PTFA.

The sing-along will be held at 10am on Sunday, February 8th, with tickets for £7.50 each available from Archway Bookshop in Axminster and Primary Colours in Lyme Regis from January 16th.

The event will include "Frozen" princesses Elsa and Anna leading the singing in person, a fancy dress competition, props bag and more.

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Public call for democracy at district council

A PACKED public meeting has called for the end to the Cabinet system at West Dorset District Council.

The meeting heard that, under the existing system, a handful of Conservatives made all the decisions leaving remaining councillors with little, or no, opportunity to change or challenge decisions.

"Eight hundred years after Magna Carta democracy is dead in West Dorset," Dorchester Independent councillor Alistair Chisholm told the 270 people at the Corn Exchange in Dorchester.

The Conservatives declined to send a speaker to the meeting and afterwards declined to comment on its outcome. West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin said he was unable to appear.



MEETING organiser John Grantham addresses the audience

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But former Conservative district councillor Fred Horsington, who was persuaded onto the platform from the back of the hall towards the end of the meeting, said that if any other party were in the Conservative position, they too would do the same. His candour was booed by many at the meeting.

John Grantham, from Burton Bradstock, who arranged the gathering in the name of "Public First", said that at the last election the Conservatives received less than half the vote yet held more than two thirds of the West Dorset District Council seats and all of the Cabinet positions.

"It is a great deal of responsibility in the hands of a few... a lot of what goes on is not advertised and things are kept very, very quiet."

Afterwards he described the meeting as a "landmark event".

"This meeting arose out of frustration with the impenetrable and anti-democratic nature of the West Dorset District Council cabinet form of government – where the majority Conservative party holds 67 per cent of the seats, based on just 43 per cent of the vote, but then through cabinet appointments translates this into 100 per cent of the cabinet positions, essentially excluding all other political points of view."

Chaired by human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith, the meeting discussed how, under a unitary system, around 242 councillors countywide might be cut back to 100, with massive financial savings.

Said Mr Grantham: "Towards the end, brief con-

We need to change this system. Eight hundred years after Magna Carta we still haven't got democracy right in West Dorset



LOCAL representatives of political parties with Liberal Democrat Ros Kayes speaking. The Conservative party declined to send a speaker

tributions from representatives invited from the Green Party, Labour, Lib-Dems and UKIP were welcomed, and all agreed with the clear sense of the public's view at the meeting that WDDC should move to a committee, and potentially unitary, system of local government. In perhaps the

starkest illustration of the need for greater democratic responsiveness, not one of the eight senior Tories individually invited to attend appeared."

A small committee will now consider whether it is feasible to use the law to hold a public referendum to force the council to move from the Cabinet to a Committee system, as operated by Weymouth and Portland Borough Council.

Other meetings may also be held across the district with a further call for public debate on moving to a unitary system.

Former district council officer David Oliver told the meeting that since the mid-1980s West Dorset had moved to the Cabinet system where he said: "Decisions are made in pre-meetings and then voted on block... it seems rather pointless for us to elect fifty-plus councillors when the decisions are made by six."

Alistair Chisholm said the set up was an outrage to democracy and telling that the Conservatives had declined invitations to attend: "What do these people have to hide? Why are they absent this evening? What outrageous arrogance. We need to change this system. Eight hundred years after Magna Carta we still haven't got democracy in West Dorset."



VOTING FOR CHANGE: Those at the meeting were almost 100 per cent in favour of changing the Cabinet system. Left, Fred Horsington, the only Conservative to take to the platform after the party declined to send a representative



Christmas Day swim raises total of £2,047

THE annual Christmas Day swim in Charmouth raised £2,047.91 for the RNLI after final donations came in

A spokesman from the organising Lyme Regis and Charmouth RNLI Guild said: "This was a tremendous result for the RNLI charity and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to a fabulous event, particularly those very brave swimmers in some amazing costumes."

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INFORMATION on changes to bin collections will be sent out to around 19,000 households in Lyme Regis, Bridport and Beaminster as of next week, ahead of the final roll-out of Dorset Waste Partnership's new county-wide scheme.

The "Recycle for Dorset" collection service, which is already used across the rest of the county, will start in the area the week beginning Monday, July 13th.

Where it has already been introduced, the service has helped to increase the county's recycling rate to more than 60 per cent – one of the best in the UK.

The Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) is posting a letter and enclosed leaflet to all households in the area over the next three weeks with details about the scheme. It is important that residents read the information and respond online or by phone no later than Thursday, February 26th if they think the new containers will not meet their household's needs. Residents who would have difficulty physically moving their bins should also get in touch.

Households also have until February 26th to pay to receive the DWP's popular fortnightly garden waste collection from July. Around 32,000 Dorset households have already signed up. The quickest way to request changes or to pay for the garden waste collection is online at www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset

Phone lines are expected to be busy, so residents are advised to go online if they can. A web chat service is also available to help with any queries.

The "Recycle for Dorset" service lets residents recycle more than before, including plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays. Food waste will be col-

lected weekly using a 23-litre lockable bin and a 7-litre kitchen caddy. Recycling will be collected fortnightly using a larger wheelie bin and residents' existing box, which will be for glass only. Rubbish will be collected fortnightly in a smaller wheelie bin.

Residents should contact the DWP if their existing green box is missing so that a replacement can be delivered by July.

Four roadshows are being held during February where residents can see the new bins and ask questions. Details are included in the letters and can also be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclingevents

Steve Burdis, director of the Dorset Waste Partnership, said: "This is our fifth and final phase of

Baptist Church to host book launch

LYME Regis Baptist Church will host the launch of local author Fiona Stratta's second book on Friday, January 23rd.

Fiona's new book looks at the lives of a number of well-known women from yesteryear as she asks "Do the lives of these women have much to say to us today?"

Her answer, in the light of her own experience, is a resounding yes.

The launch of the book, entitled "Walking with Old Testament Women", will take place in the Lyme Regis Baptist Church Hall from 10am - 12noon including readings by Fiona and light refreshments.

rolling out the 'Recycle for Dorset' service. The results so far have been excellent, with big increases in recycling, reductions in landfill waste and higher levels of customer satisfaction.

"We are giving residents the chance to find out more and asking them to contact us before February 26th about their household's needs so that we can deliver the right containers before July.

"Any change to such an important service as waste collections can take time to get used to. I would encourage residents to read their information, check our website and come to a roadshow to see how it will work for them."

For more information about the "Recycle for Dorset" service, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset

New bus fares introduced

BUS operator First introduced changes to its fares this week, including on routes through Lyme Regis and around the West Dorset and East Devon area.

As of Saturday, January 10th, some of First's single and return fares have changed, but the First Week and First Month tickets have not, so the operator is encouraging all those who travel regularly to purchase week or month tickets from bus drivers to make savings.

The new price for a trip from Bridport to Lyme Regis or vice versa is £4 for an adult single fare or £5 for a return, and £3 for a child single fare and £4 for a return.

For full details of new fares or if you have any queries, contact First by emailing contact-dorset@firstgroup.com or call 0333 014 3490.

View from the churches

The sea wall... a metaphor

DECEMBER 28th was a truly beautiful day and we walked, taking a fairly circuitous route, from Uplyme to Lyme Regis.

As part of our expedition we walked along the new sea wall. It is a very pleasant stroll, and as we sauntered along it occurred to me that this incredible feat of modern engineering is a metaphor for life.

In effect, it is a huge slab of concrete, and as such performs a number of functions. It provides protection against the powerful forces of wave erosion on the seaward side, and prevents the cliffs behind from slumping any further into the sea.

Drains behind the wall remove excess water on the landward side. They prevent a build-up as this could have a detrimental effect. All along the cliffs behind the wall there are extremely long, steel pins, anchoring down strong, metal nets which secure the slopes back into the firm ground deep within.

Thus, the eastern side of Lyme Regis is protected, anchored and safe – for now.

As a vicar, I often find that things around me speak of God, and the sea wall is no exception. It is providing strength, protection and a safe path to walk along for those who choose to, just as God does for those who choose to put their faith in Him.

*The Reverend Kate Woolven,
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Art society members mourn the death of 'influential' chairman

IT has been a difficult start to the year for members of Lyme Regis Art Society who have been mourning the death of their chairman, Edna Dorrington, who died on January 2nd, aged 80, during a trip to visit family in Australia.

Secretary Sheila Stratton broke the news to members at their first meeting of 2015 and requested a two-minute silence to remember her.

Members said it was a very difficult time, as most had known her for many years, but they knew Edna would have wanted "business as usual" so the group went on to welcome their scheduled demonstrator, Jake Winkle.

The committee will soon be meeting to decide on the best avenue of commemoration for Edna, who was so influential and held in such affection by all members.

Jake is a watercolour artist who works quickly to produce impressionistic paintings of wildlife and had a sketch of a kestrel on a sheet of Arches Aquarelle 140lb rough, stretched paper to show members.

This had been soaked for 10 seconds in a bath and then laid out onto MDF board for 10 minutes before being smoothed with a damp cloth and only then taped to the board.

Jake had paint from tubes ready mixed in shallow depressions in his palette and worked with rounded sable brushes and primary and secondary colours, with a few tertiary colours aiming for an impressionistic representation with a balance of cool and warm colours. Lights and darks gave form whilst warm and cool colours add glow and luminosity.

Jake dampened his paper and started with a blue wash across the main body adding orange where there was shine with darker shades to give an immediate kaleidoscopic effect. Light flecks of cobalt and turquoise created the feathery impression, whilst a mix of ultramarine and sepia made the black shades for contrast.

He worked fast as the warm room was drying the



paper and he wanted to allow damp edges of the paint to "bleed" into each other. Wet washes of blue and orange broke up the white space below and around the bird giving an air of spontaneity.

After the tea break, Jake worked on a painting of a hare on dry paper showing members how to find shapes within shapes. The eye was the focal point, painted first with orange with cool blue added. The black pupil started with cobalt and turquoise with the ultramarine and sepia "black" colour added for emphasis. Whiskers of thick white gouache broke up the area around the hare which Jake left to be finished later.

Demonstrations are on alternate Tuesday afternoons in Woodmead Halls, from 2pm to 4pm with four workshops a year at Lyme Regis Football Club. The next meeting will be on January 20th when Graham Watson demonstrates credit card painting.

The annual subscription for the society is £22 and potential new members and visitors are welcome. For further information, contact secretary Sheila Stratton 01297 445464.

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Scott Rowe Solicitors expand dispute resolution team

LOCAL firm Scott Rowe have appointed Associate Solicitor Kate Maslen to head their Commercial Dispute Resolution team.

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Let the workers get on with the job!

A CENTURY ago, American diplomat Dwight Morrow advised his son: "The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There's far less competition."

Despite having namesakes now in Charmouth, Mr Morrow couldn't have reached Lyme Regis, so well-supplied with his 'first class', such as all those volunteers peopling these columns last year. My explorations among some 30 varied groups – a fraction of the total – uncovered over 500 current volunteers, though many pop up in two, three, four or more places.

A gentle note to the admirably vigilant Geoffrey Mann, who understands that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance": not one of those is a loose cannon subverting democracy – each is accountable to some lawful, properly-governed body.

Could Morrow observe Britain today, he might re-phrase his premise: "The world is divided into people who do things and people who pass judgement."

Fewer and fewer people do creative, productive or useful work, while more and more tell them what to do and how to do it – or what they've done wrong and how they must change.

Take just two examples. Education is inspected to death by Ofsted (so many of these parasites' names – Ofqual, Ofwat, Ofcom, etc – echo Stalin's USSR: Orgburo, Orgotdel, Partkom ...). Ofsted's empire, exploding over two decades beyond schools, now includes children's social care, childcare, fostering, adoption, teacher training, nursery education, further education colleges, adult education and training... Meanwhile, the Care Quality Commission ranges over adult social care, nursing and care homes,

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Chris Boothroyd



community provision, home care, GPs, dentists, clinics and hospitals.

We must assume that the legions of inspectors required for all this comprise experienced, well-qualified leaders in their fields – how else could the system be credible? So let's imagine these thousands of experts back actually *doing* the jobs – teaching, caring, doctoring – while leading by example from within and sharing the front-line challenges. What a boost to the quality of those public services! Imagine the money now spent on their office buildings, travel, accommodation, support staff and reports returning to the places of real work!

Inspection hasn't improved quality

Our assumption may, though, be false. Evidence lies everywhere that ceaseless inspection, with its bureaucratically-defined 'standards' and jargon-stuffed robotic reports, hasn't improved the quality of what is inspected. Perhaps the inspectors aren't so brilliant?

So, is it all wasted money but otherwise harmless – like the 'Energy Performance' inspector assessing our home, umbilically-attached to his government-provided computer programme, who reported our need for floor insulation? There's 200mm of the stuff but, being under the floor, he couldn't see it so wasn't allowed to record it.

No, it's far from harmless. Across swathes of public life, absurdly prescriptive guidelines from

ivory-tower regulators, plus 'compliance' enforced by inspectors with checklists and clipboards, create a self-limiting cycle. Trapped in the middle are human beings with brains, skills and commitment. But those twin pressures attack their capacity to think for themselves, to act according to the challenges in front of them, to judge their effectiveness – in sum, to be *responsible*. Top-down diktats aim to turn thoughtful individuals into de-skilled automatons. Nit-picking inspections distort priorities; they create unwarranted stress, demoralisation, and sometimes minor fraud.

This infantilising process is catastrophic: it undermines self-respect, self-reliant confidence, and trust. Then, as things increasingly go wrong, come the calls for enquiry. Could anyone count them now, or the variety of topics? Whether it's over-running railtrack repairs, or the Iraq War (four enquiries, with the Chilcot report still unpublished), or phone-hacking or historic child abuse (enquiry into enquiries, there), dozens – no, hundreds – are running at huge cost in money and skilled people. The recommendation in so many of their reports for 'co-ordinated multi-agency working' becomes routine, as does the response that "lessons will be learned" – but aren't.

Of course some are important, not least for those who have suffered – take Hillsborough. But how about fundamental thought to reducing failures in the first place?

Which returns us to properly-educated, thoroughly-trained, intelligently-led, morally-secure, self-motivating people and teams working in a climate of trust, respect and approbation. And that means putting regulators and inspectors back to proper work, if capable, or into their little boxes.

For local variants of the imbalance between

those who do and those who talk, look to the NHS. The threat to Axminster Hospital's in-patient beds has absorbed the attention of the Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (22 board members) and its Eastern Locality (a 17-strong board), which together commission the North Devon Healthcare Trust (a board of 14) to run Axminster Hospital. Those three boards include 22 qualified medics mostly doctors; why aren't they treating patients instead of sitting in meetings? Three costly public consultations (one acknowledged as improperly-run) give no confidence that alternative public views are admitted.

In Dorset, the CCG is paying management consultants McKinsey a reported £2.75million to review clinical services. Stop! *That's £2,750,000*. Think! What could that do for *real* services here – more doctors, nurses, opening hours...? GP-led CCGs were introduced in the belief that *local GPs would understand the clinical needs of patients in their own areas*. If true, they don't need McKinsey to tell them for £2.75million of our money. If not true, why have CCGs?

Bossyboots in offices alienate volunteers, too. Those many locals whose efforts these columns recorded last year are committed, responsible and self-motivated. Like teachers, carers and medical staff, their motivation is precious. With volunteer work increasingly necessary for society to function, authorities from national government and its quangos to the humblest town council must support, not impede and discourage, voluntary effort.

So set the workers free. This won't eliminate failure, for "to err is human." But smaller, localised problems, amenable to self-correction, are as nothing compared to the systemic disasters wrought by our present remorselessly negative, distrustful, culture.

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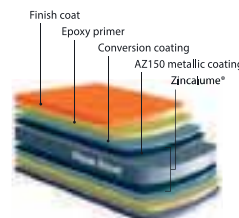
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We have not lost the battle over Axminster Hospital yet

■ LAST week, the North Devon Health Trust (NDHT) decided to “temporarily” transfer inpatient beds from Axminster Hospital to the community hospital at Seaton. This was despite only four of the 112 public responses to the trust’s “consultation” supporting the move and a 6,000-strong petition arguing to keep beds at Axminster.

Such cavalier dismissal of public opinion means that any patient in Lyme Regis, Charmouth and surrounding communities needing a bed will now be forced to go to Seaton, a hospital with less space, fewer back-up facilities and negligible transport links. Two beds will also be permanently lost in the transfer. Does this matter?

The NHS has the second lowest number of beds per 1,000 population of any country in Europe. The European average is 5.62 beds whilst the UK has only 3.37. Fewer beds means that occupancy rates are higher here than elsewhere – at any one time, 84 per cent of UK beds are full compared with 78 per cent in the rest of Europe. So, losing any bed, when you have so few to start with, exacerbates an already critical condition.

NHS research shows that when bed occupancy rises above 85 per cent, both patient care and safety can suffer. Yet Axminster already has an occupancy rate of 87 per cent, and Seaton 94 per cent. If the move to Seaton reduces beds by two (from 20 to 18) then occupancy rates will inevitably rise, creat-

ing a whole new set of risks for both patients and staff.

Lyme Forward, Lyme Regis’ Local Area Partnership, broadly supports the strategy of shifting more care out of hospitals into the community because that’s what patients and their families want and they get better faster when treated at or near to home. However, as the population ages and becomes frailer, some requirement for beds will remain.

Sensible bed provision should not be sacrificed to the dogma of community care. We need to retain, if not increase, bed provision in the community at safe occupancy levels. We need sufficient beds to act as a buffer for seasonal swings in demand and the likely rise in frailty. Beds should not become a new four-letter word in the NHS.

But have we already lost the battle? No, because now, those holding the purse strings, the New Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, is asking whether this “temporary” transfer of beds from Axminster to Seaton should become permanent. Our answer should be a definitive and definite “No”. Watch out for further information on how you can get involved on the pages of this newspaper and on the Lyme Regis Noticeboard Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/164037886977037

*Julie Sheppard,
Lyme Forward – Lyme Regis
Local Area Partnership*

Public meeting wants WDDC cabinet system changed

■ THERE was a landmark event at Dorchester Corn Exchange Hall on January 7th, drawing 270 people and 250 voted on propositions to improve democracy.

This was a meeting rather in the spirit of Athenian democracy, with participants encouraged to contribute both criticisms and proposals for positive change. It arose from the anti-democratic nature of the West Dorset District Council’s cabinet form of government – where the majority Conservative party holds 67 per cent of the seats, based on just 43 per cent of the vote, but then through cabinet appointments translates this into 100 per cent of the cabinet positions – it massively diminishes other political points of view. Critics complained that public questions to the council often go unanswered, and no follow-up is permitted where the reply is not responsive.

Chaired by local human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith OBE, the meeting discussed how, under a unitary system, around 242 councillors county-wide might be cut back to around 100, with massive financial savings – as has successfully taken place in neighbouring Wiltshire.

Equally, a committee structure of local government would ensure that the voice of all parties would be heard in council. Crucially, the public meeting voted emphatically 248 to two in favour of now moving

from a cabinet to committee system.

Towards the end, brief contributions from representatives invited from the Green Party, Labour, Lib-Dems and UKIP were welcomed, and all agreed with the public’s view that WDDC should move to a committee, and potentially unitary, system of local government. In perhaps the starkest illustration of the need for greater democratic responsiveness, not one of the eight senior ruling party Conservatives originally individually invited to attend appeared.

Votes were taken on several key issues debated and there was unanimity, at over a 90 per cent level, for action on all the proposals put to attenders. The Public First Group co-ordinating committee subsequently decided on three actions to spear-head their non-party-political campaign for local democracy:

1) To take steps to seek a local referendum that would require WDDC to substitute a more representative system for the current cabinet process;

2) To initiate a public debate on the benefits of changing to a Unitary form of local government;

3) To encourage more such “pop-up forums” through West Dorset in the coming weeks.

Meeting film clips will be available shortly at www.publicfirstgroup.blogspot.co.uk/

*John Grantham,
Co-ordinator, Public First Group*

Thanks for ‘memorable’ HMS Formidable service

■ WITH regards to the *View’s* coverage of the HMS Formidable centenary commemorations (January 7th), also attending representing her grandfather, Louis Wyers, was Margaret Barber, from Suffolk, with her husband Robert and her granddaughters Eliza and Amelia Barber.

Many, many thanks to all who made yesterday such a memorable occasion. We were very proud to be part of the centenary event and special thanks to Vernon Rattenbury and David Manners who made us all so welcome.

*Barber family,
Suffolk*

In memory of Peter

■ MY family and I would like to express our very sincere thanks for attending the funeral, for the many cards, expressions of kindness and the generous donations in memory of a dear husband and father, Peter – a true Lyme Regis man.

*Shirley Williams,
Summerhill Road, Lyme Regis*

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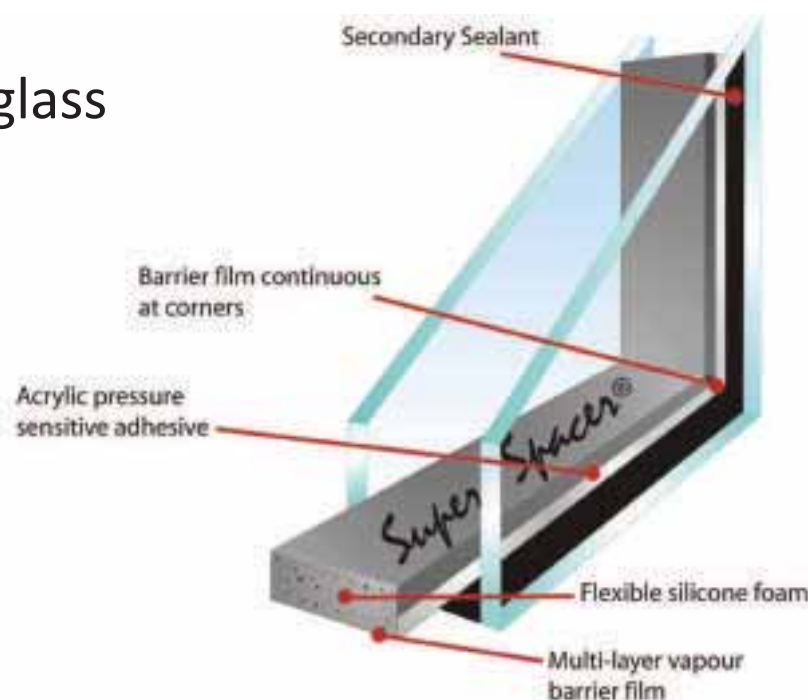
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With regular contact with estate agents, he can help you find your dream property or seek advice on the improvements required to sell your property.

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Travelling is never an issue, currently Jim has jobs covering areas up to Yeovil, Dorchester and across to Sidmouth, as well as work further afield in the London area. So why not give Jim a ring and see how he can help.

Since setting up his business in March 2011, Jim has also completed projects ranging from a small Kitchen Extension through to detached garages and ancillary accommodation, Listed Barn Conversions and was also part of the team associated with gaining the Outline Planning Approval for a new primary school.

If you are looking to start building in the early part of 2015, then now is the time to contact Jim for an initial discussion about your project.

With a large knowledge of the local area, Jim is very keen on helping to provide low cost housing in the area. With first time buyers struggling to get onto the market, he is keen to pass on his knowledge and advice to help provide this much-needed local requirement.

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IT'S A MIRACLE!

The highly entertaining *Dr
Livingstone, I Presume?*
comes to Dorchester

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Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Friday 16 Jan
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Elaine Davies and Philip Clouts
8pm. £10

Saturday 17 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Slither
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Sunday 18 Jan
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Saturday 24 Jan
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Nags Head, LYME REGIS
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Moens Farm House, Uploders, BRIDPORT
Blind Buffalo Quartet
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Sunday 25 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Amy Mayes 4-6pm

Friday 30 Jan
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Southern Tenant Folk Union
Doors 7.15pm. £13.50/£12.50

Saturday 31 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Dinosaur Cafe
9.30pm

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Tales from India
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FORGED from the voices of Hannah James, Hazel Askew and Rowan Rheingans, Lady Maisery explore vocal harmony to breathtaking effect, through their fresh interpretations of songs and ballads.

They released their debut album 'Weave & Spin' in 2012 and as a result, were nominated for a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award. 2013 saw the release of their critically acclaimed second album 'Mayday', which reached the number one slot in BBC Radio 3's Late Junction 'Top 10 Releases of the Summer', was made a 'Top of the World' album by Songlines magazine and was given 5 stars by The Financial Times.

As well as enchanting audiences with innovative re-workings of old songs and ballads, Lady Maisery break new ground as one of the first UK groups to explore the tradition of 'did-dling' or 'tune singing', which has nearly died out in England, but is still prevalent in Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. Whether singing unaccompanied or with backing by intelligent, striking arrangements on fiddle, harp, banjo accordion and foot percussion, be prepared to be enchanted by rich harmonies and sumptuous clashes as Lady Maisery emerge as one of the most original new

groups on the UK folk scene.

Lady Maisery play at Piddletrenthide Memorial hall on Thursday, January 22nd at 7.30pm (o book or for more details call 01300 348247).

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The first half will be a set of the haunting soundtrack to the hit TV show *Broadchurch*, and the second half will be a best of. Ólafur will be introduced by *Broadchurch* writer, and Bridport resident, Chris Chibnall.

Ólafur Arnalds performs at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Monday, February 23rd, with doors opening at 6.30pm. Tickets are £20 plus booking fee in advance, or £22 on the door. For more de-

tails or to book visit the Electric Palace website at www.electricpalace.org.uk, visit www.seetickets.com or call 01308 424901 (Bridport TIC).



Ólafur Arnalds

It's a Miracle!

Victorian Music Hall is revived in the highly entertaining *Dr Livingstone, I Presume?*

BEFORE the January blues set in, Cornwall's Miracle Theatre are here to whisk you off on an epic adventure into unknown territories of entertainment with a show packed full of comedy and melodrama, not to mention some high-kicking can-can!

Dr Livingstone, I Presume? is the tale of the great explorer and his travels to the heart of Africa in search of the source of the river Nile – all told from an unusual, and highly entertaining perspective.

Those familiar with Miracle Theatre may remember their inspired production of *Frankenstein*, which received great acclaim in Dorchester last February as well as their much-celebrated outdoor theatre performances at Maumbury Rings, with *The Tempest* in July last year being a highlight of the summer season.

As part of their winter tour, Miracle is now back with their signatory style as they tell the story of this famous explorer via a series of music hall turns (song and ballet, ventriloquism and stand-up comedy), which is as fraught with danger and catastrophe as any expedition into the heart of Africa. This charming show is a revival of Miracle's 1997 hit, written by Bill Scott and Steve Clarke, and stars Miracle stalwarts Ben Dyson, Ciaran Clark, Holly Cassidy and, making his Miracle debut, Giles King (as previously seen in theatre productions by Black Fish and Knee-high).

"*Dr Livingstone, I Presume?* proved a huge hit with audiences first time round in 1997 and this refurbished version, with its fantastic cast of comic and musical talent, promises to sparkle with even greater charm!" said Bill Scott, Artistic Director.

Add an exquisite set and a rack of authentic music-



hall style costumes, designed by Alan and Jude Munden, and you have an example why Miracle shows have gained a reputation for being just the ticket for that winter treat, whether you usually love a traditional panto or are looking for an alternative for a giggle-filled night out with family and friends.

Both a hurrah to courage and endurance and a swipe at the 19th century ideals of imperialism, chauvinism and hypocrisy, this curious slice of history is served up as a magnificent melange of musicality ... and it even comes with a side dish of lion wrestling, BRAVO!

Dr Livingstone, I Presume? Is co-promoted by Dorchester Town Council and supported by Batten's Charitable Trust. It will be performed at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 January. Also showing at Marine Theatre Lyme Regis. To book tickets call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

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Yeovil Town FC inspire 'Giant' new production

SOMERSET-BASED Wassail Theatre Company proudly presents its debut production *The Giants*, a play inspired by Yeovil Town Football Club.

The Giants tells the story of Glovers fan Warren Pritchard, a tyre fitter with green and white aspirations. Following in the footsteps of his idols, Warren is planning on stepping off the terraces to bring a touch of Yeovil glory to his own team of under-12s. Warren and his merry band of school kids have their sights set firmly on the Premier League, but first there's the small matter of conquering the Somerset Schools' Cup.

Directed by the Marine Theatre's Artistic Director Tim Bell, rehearsals for the show incidentally coincide with the forthcoming 3rd round FA Cup tie against Manchester United.

The play is heading to The Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Saturday, January 24th; for football fans and theatre lovers alike!

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 or £8, available from 01297 442138 or via www.marinetheatre.com.

What's more two lucky winners are being offered the opportunity to win a performance of the show, to be held in their living room either on Saturday, January 31st or Saturday, February 7th.

To enter the competition simply email wassailtheatre@gmail.com with your name and address with the

answer to this question:

Which current Premier League team did Yeovil famously beat 2-1 in 1949?

Full information on the show can be found at www.wassailtheatre.co.uk.

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Beaminster Brasserie at the BridgeHouse is one of West Dorset's top fine dining restaurants

THE temptation is to overlook restaurants that have been around for a while. The Beaminster Brasserie at the BridgeHouse Hotel could easily fall in to that category. For more than 20 years it has been one of West Dorset's top fine dining restaurants at the heart of the town. Yet it remains one of the most popular foodie destinations around.

Moving with the times has seen the restaurant adopt a more relaxed, brasserie style without losing a very special magic, which the hotel seems to possess.

Rather than resting on its laurels, this Beaminster landmark has continued to improve and re-invent itself and in return has become multi-award winning – a consistent AA two rosette rating and in the past year accolades from Dorset Tourism, The Michelin Restaurant Guide, The Good Hotel Guide as well as a Taste of the West Gold award. And as I found out, it is surely deserving of all their accolades.

So it was about time to experience the Beaminster Brasserie's fine dining experience and I invited my partner and a friend with me, one of which, who won't admit it, but is very fussy and hard to please, and the other was no stranger to fine dining.

We were greeted with a warm welcome and a smile and led to the bar and lounge where drinks arrived almost instantaneously and we looked at the menu, which featured dishes to satisfy the highest food connoisseurs but at the same time will please diners with a particular palate (so definitely something for the fussy eater I brought along!)

I am someone who will chose the same type of meal when eating out – normally a pasta dish, even though I believe you should order something you can't make at home – so I decided to order the seared hake fillet with a chorizo paella, tiger prawns, Fowey mussels and a lobster bisque.

My partner and friend both opted for the pie of the day, which was creamy chicken and ham, served with dauphinoise potatoes and long stem broccoli something I knew would suit both of them.

After ordering we relaxed in the bar and lounge area.

It is so comfortable and relaxing, with a fire and candles burning to one side, that when the waitress arrives to take you to your table you are almost reluctant but at the same time eager to try their award winning food.

'Wow' was my first impression of the candle lit restaurant, as you walk in your drawn to the back wall which is taken up by different coloured bottles, illuminated by the lights which had been perfectly dimmed – not too much that you have to squint but not too little that it could be the middle of the day.

The restaurant is beautifully and tastefully decorated with a neutral colour scheme that makes dinners feel warm and comfortable and the tables were expertly laid out.

It was only a short wait for food and when it came it was beautifully presented (unfortunately I was so excited to start that I had to reconstruct the dish to take a picture) and the consensus of the table was that all meals were absolutely delicious.

I shared mine as I didn't want the other two to miss out on how perfectly the hake was cooked and the variety of flavours bursting from the paella – which we discussed at length – but they ate theirs before I

managed a taste but from their comments the pastry was excellent and overall it was fantastic.

And staff are incredibly helpful and friendly without being over attentive, leaving you to enjoy your meal but always on hand to replace drinks.

I felt I had to try a dessert, sous chef Geraldine Gay's specialty as she won an award earlier this year for her pistachio cake, poached pear, blackberry ice cream and ginger beer gel, it was rude not to!

My partner chose the sticky toffee pudding, blackberry crumble, ice cream, rice pudding and berry jam – yes, all in one pudding! – and myself and our friend went for the BridgeHouse crème brûlée with shortbread biscuits.

It didn't disappoint and rounded off a fantastic meal.

Owners Mark and Joanna Donovan have not only built up a successful restaurant that serves some of the best food around, they have also achieve a superb reputation for their hotel rooms.

The hotel can sleep 30 people with all rooms decorated in keeping with the hotel's rich heritage from Medieval to Georgian but finished off with modern touches.

I regret leaving it so long to try one of Beaminster's best restaurants. If you haven't already tried it, I encourage you to make the visit especially as they are offering a great winter dining offer with 10 per cent off lunch and dinner until February 12th. (You'll need to quote 'Bridge1' when booking your table to qualify for the discount).

They are also taking bookings for Valentines Day so to find out what will be on offer, call the BridgeHouse on 01308 862200.

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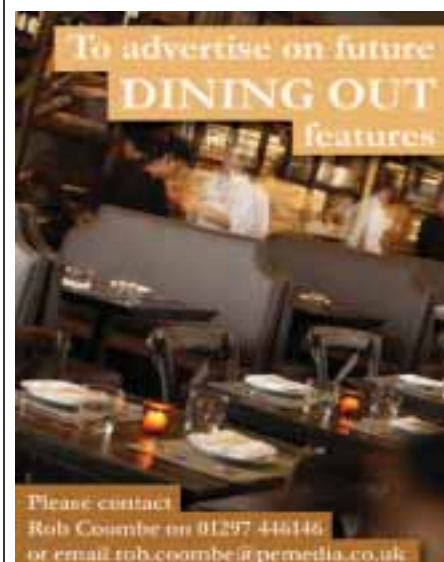
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View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH

DORCHESTER: Elvis Day at Age UK Dorchester. Exhibition of memorabilia on show including records, movie posters, books and a slideshow of photos from Tupelo, Memphis and Nashville. Lots of music and a few surprises. Exhibition from 10am-11.30am. Coffee and cookies will be included in the entrance fee of £1.50. In the afternoon at the Evergreen Cinema there will be a special showing of 'Blue Hawaii'. The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the screen, for just £1.50, and ice creams also available. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

DORCHESTER: A talk will be given for the South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group at St George's Church Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7.45pm. The talk will be given by Martin Cade, Portland Bird Observatory Manager. Martin talks about the work of the Bird Observatory on the unique strange and compelling island of Portland. Admission £3 members, Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH - SATURDAY 17TH

BOTHENHAMPTON: Panto: 'Rumplestiltskin' by the Bothenhampton Village Players, at the village hall. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm performance each night. Tickets cost £7.00 adults, £3.50 children available from Pennie 458006 or Sandra 422205. Includes a light supper and glass of wine or juice.

FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. **CHARMOUTH:** Bingo at St Andrew's Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle, draw board and licensed bar.

SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH - SUNDAY 18TH

MONKTON WYLD: Wyld Walking Weekend for Families at Monkton Wyld Court. Designed with children in mind, these whatever-the-weather walks will be leisurely paced, with time for puddles, stick collecting and wintery activities included. Price: Adults £50 (hostel accommodation), £65 (B&B), Children half price. Includes all meals, accommodation in family rooms and guided walks. For booking or information call: 01297 560 342 or email: info@monktonwyldcourt.org

MONDAY JANUARY 19TH

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm-4pm at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A novel way to use your credit cards! Graham Watson is going to show us all a way of using them in creating a painting. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

CROSSWAYS: 'Tales from the Dorset Archives' illustrated talk by Maria Gayton at Crossways Local History Group at 7.30pm at the Library in Old Farm Way. £3 or £2 for members of the Friends of Crossways Library.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21ST

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'The Art and Meaning of Maps' lecturer: Prof. Jeremy Black. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND

BEAMINSTER: Dr Lucy Goodison will give an illustrated talk, entitled 'Sexuality and the goddess' to the One World Forum in the Strode Room, (next to St Mary's Church) at 7.30pm. Visitor's entry remains at £4 which includes tea/coffee/biscuit.

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

Now Exhibiting

View 2 talks with curator David Brooke ahead of the 'Theatre of the Soul' exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre

What are the main themes of this exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre?

The Theatre of the Soul is an exhibition of imaginative, visionary and surreal art by 11 West Country based artists, art of the unusual would describe the show pretty well. The title of the exhibition is a quotation from the visionary artist Cecil Collins which seemed to sum up the type of work I wanted to show in the exhibition.

How did the exhibition come about, did you approach the artists or vice versa?

The artists in this show are people whose work has really caught my eye as being the kind of art I am inspired by. I have seen and admired their work either in exhibitions or open studio events and decided to invite them to take part in this exhibition. This type of imaginative art doesn't often get shown together as a group show and I felt it was something I would like to arrange myself, so I approached Bridport Arts Centre who were willing to host the exhibition.

Have you always had an interest in visual arts?

Yes, I've been producing paintings and drawings ever since I was a child.

Who or what are you inspired and influenced by?

I find many things inspiring and lots of artists have influenced my work. I have a great liking and interest in Medieval Book Illuminations and Romanesque Sculpture. Mythology has also been a great influence in my painting.

Do you have an artist you particularly admire dead or alive?

Following on from the last question, many artists

have influenced me, some better known than others, they include Michael Ayrton, Henri Fuseli, William Blake, Max Ernst, George Tooker and Betty Swanwick.

What challenges do you encounter when organizing an exhibition like this?

Timing and communication are certainly very important. Making sure all the different artists know when and what is required of them. Choosing the artists whose work will make a cohesive whole as an exhibition is the enjoyable part.

Is there something you are currently working on, or are excited about starting that you can tell us about?

I'm always working on new paintings, last year I started a series of imaginative pieces inspired by the Tors of Dartmoor. Seeing figures and faces in the rock formations, changing them into images of sleeping giants, and creating paintings of Tors which don't exist but should.

What is the best piece of advice you've been given?

I'm not sure about advice, but one of the things which made want to be an artist was being lent a book of the Drawings and Sculptures of Michael Ayrton whilst I was at school. The book was lent to me by my Art Teacher, Colin Browning.

What advice would you give to others wanting to be artists?

Follow what you really want to do and don't be led by fashion or what other people tell you that you should be doing.

Is being an artist all its cracked up to be?

There is a lot of work in being an artist, it takes a lot of time, practice and dedication to produce a painting. There is also a lot each artist has to do promoting and exhibiting their work. But I enjoy creating images and I certainly wouldn't want to be doing anything else.

If you could live in any period of history anywhere in the world, what and where would it be?

I'm not sure I would want to live in any time other than the present, realistically the past was a very hard place to live. But if I had a time machine and could just visit and return again I would like to see what the ruined medieval castles and abbeys looked like in their heyday. I would then have to return home to the present for tea and crumpets.

■ Theatre of the Soul, Curated by David Brooke runs from Saturday, January 17th to Saturday, February 28th, 10am- 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Allsop Gallery, Bridport Arts Centre. www.bridport-arts.com For more information

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SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yettie Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

BRIDPORT: Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, Tombola, Raffles etc at St Mary's Church House, South Street, 10.30am-12.30pm. All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to the National Osteoporosis Society. A chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'The Hundred Foot Journey' at the village hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

WHITCHURCH CANICORUM: 15th Annual Farmhouse Breakfast at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall from 9am - 2pm. In aid of hall funds with donation to Joseph Weld hospice. Further details available from Sue 01297 489375

MONDAY JANUARY 26TH

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TUESDAY JANUARY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Jake Winkle's demonstration on painting wildlife in watercolour. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

UPLYME: Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society meeting. Alice Holden runs a small team growing organic food on a two acre site in Dagenham, east of London, and will be telling us how it was set up on a derelict industrial site and now runs successfully. The talk title is "Grown in Dagenham". 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall.

FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Seascape, Open PDI, and Print competitions. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

DORCHESTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at The Borough Gardens at 3pm.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

EYPE, BRIDPORT: A new class for parents and babies/toddlers at Highlands End swimming pool, 11.30-12 noon. This new 6 week course will help to promote bonding between parent and child, boost water confidence and help to develop coordination, balance and strength in a fun class. Details from 07970 879047 or 01308 426945.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

DORCHESTER: Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester, aka the Dorchester French Circle, invites you to the next meeting of their 2015 season. This is to show the film "I've loved you so long", in French with English subtitles and starring Kristin Scott Thomas, at 7.30 for 8pm at Cafe/Bar Jagos, 8 High West Street, opposite the church next to the Dorchester Museum. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information and to see our full programme please visit the website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Maria Barbashina will demonstrate drawing a Portrait using Charcoal. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

BRIDPORT: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Bridport United Church at 11.30am.

BRIDPORT: Electronic Organ Concert by David Ingley at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.

This week's new cinema



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Stars Reese Witherspoon, Laura Dern and Gaby Hoffmann.

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Cinema Listings

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Sat, Wed: 16.25, 19.30

Thu: 15.30

Paddington ^{PG}

Sat: 14.00, Sun: 14.50

National Theatre Live:

Treasure Island ^{12A}

Thu: 18.45

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Notorious Mr Bout ^{12A} Sun: 15.00
Boyhood ¹⁵ Thu: 19.30

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Foxcatcher ¹⁵

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Sat & Sun: 17.20, 20.15

Mon, Tue: 17.20

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Into The Woods ^{PG}

Daily: 14.25, 17.10, 19.55

plus Sat & Sun: 11.35am

The Theory of Everything ^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Wed: 14.15, 17.00, 19.45

Sat & Sun: 11.25, 14.15, 17.00, 19.45

Thu: 13.30, 16.15, 19.25

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ^{12A}

Fri-Wed: 13.10, 16.20, 19.25

Thu: 13.10, 16.20

Paddington ^{PG}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 16.20

Sat: 11.55, 16.20,

Sun: 10.00, 11.55, 16.20

Birdman ¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.05

The Boxtrolls ^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 10.50am

Dolphin Tale 2 ^U

Sat & Sun: 10.30am

The House of Magic ^U

Sat & Sun: 10.00am

Kajaki ¹⁵

Sun: 14.10, Tue: 20.10

The Woman in Black: Angel of Death ¹⁵

Fri-Tue: 14.00, 18.35, 20.55

Wed & Thu: 14.00

Exodus: Gods and Kings ^{12A}

Fri, Wed, Thu: 17.05

Sat-Tue: 14.10

Night At The Museum:

Secret of the Tomb ^{PG}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.10

Sat & Sun: 11.45am

Annie ^{PG}

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Wild ¹⁵

Daily: 14.55, 17.30, 20.05

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Tales for a winter's evening

WITTY and engaging storyteller Jane Flood brings her new collection of old tales to the next Story Café at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, January 23rd. In 'A flick of the wrist and a slip of the tongue' you will meet a carefree gypsy, a dead bride and a woman silenced by a curse. There are tales of women who skip, trip and nip through the stories, leaving confusion, mayhem, puzzled mothers and fathers ... and a few happily ever afters.

"Jane has the ability to transport the audience to the faraway land of myths and legends from our native past ... Her storytelling is magical ... truly inspired and inspiring" (Merlin Theatre, Frome).

Doors open at 7pm and the storytelling begins at 7.30pm. The evening is suitable for adults and older children. Tickets are £7 / £6 members / £5 concessions available from Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 and via the website www.bridport-arts.com



Jane Flood

A merry, funky treasure trove of shows at The Gateway

THE Gateway in Seaton will stream the Met Opera's live New York performance of Lehar's *The Merry Widow* on Saturday, January 17th.

The great Renee Fleming stars in award-winning Broadway director Susan Stroman's lavish new staging of Lehar's comic operetta.

Recently widowed Hanna (Renee Fleming) has inherited a huge fortune. Scheming Baron Zeta (Thomas Allen) is determined that her money should remain in the country. But former lover Danilo (Nathan Gunn) now refuses to court her because of her wealth.

Lehar's effervescent operetta has been an audience favourite ever since its 1905 premiere, and this exquisite new staging in an art-nouveau setting marks the Met debut of Broadway director and choreographer Susan Stroman. Her Tony Award-winning credits include the musicals 'Crazy For You', 'Contact', and 'The Producers'.

Leading a starry cast conducted by Andrew Davis, Renee Fleming adds another role to her Met repertoire of 22 characters as the beguiling femme fatale.

Broadway soprano Kelli O'Hara makes her Met debut as the Baron's wife.

The operetta is performed in English in a new translation by Jeremy Sams.

Doors open at 5.30pm on Saturday, January 17th, with the performance beginning at 5.55pm. The show is approximately three hours long. Tickets are £15

advance or £17.50 on the door from the Box Office on 01297 625699, or from the website ticket shop www.seatongateway.co.uk. A licensed bar and refreshments are available.

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For more details on the band check out their website at www.joeythelips.co.uk

Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 in advance and £15 on door, available online from website ticket shop www.seatongateway.co.uk or from The Gateway Box Office on 01297 625699.

WHEN a frightfully weathered looking sailor arrives at the inn, with a giant sea-

HARDY DRESS ON DISPLAY AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

DORSET County Museum's textile archive includes a significant collection of clothing originally owned by Thomas Hardy's family. Among the pieces is a stunning red bustle dress worn by his sister Katherine. Until now most of the collection has remained in storage as it requires specialist mounting and display. But following a generous grant from the Daphne Bullard Trust the dress has now been specially prepared and is on display in the Museum's Writers Gallery.

The bustle dress has been mounted on a bespoke mannequin and will bring a new perspective to the Thomas Hardy displays in the Museum. Donated in 1984, the dress consists of a bodice and skirt in red grosgrain silk. It was made in about 1889 by the linen drapers, Genge,

Dixon and Jameson in Dorchester.

Displaying the dress both safely and sympathetically was a complicated project. A particular consideration was Kate Hardy's large bust. She also had a very small waist and narrow shoulders so a special museum grade mannequin was purchased and adapted with additional padding in the relevant areas. A petticoat with several layers of net was added underneath for support and padded arms allow the sleeves to hold their natural shape. Extra pads were finally attached around the hips to help support the weight of the skirt and prevent stress on the original fastenings.

Dorset County Museum is open 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday. For further information visit www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

chest in tow, Jim the inn-keeper invites him inside. It soon becomes clear to Jim and his granddaughter, that the old seadog is harbouring many a dark secret, and so begins a chain of events that will change their lives forever.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic, coming-of-age children's story *Treasure Island* is reinvigorated with Bryony Lavery's thrilling new stage adaption, which takes you on a journey across the high seas as the pirate's secrets are revealed.

Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life in a thrilling new stage adaptation by Bryony Lavery, broadcast live from the National Theatre.

It's a dark, stormy night. The stars are out. Jim, the inn-keeper's granddaughter, opens the door to a terrifying

stranger. At the old sailor's feet sits a huge sea-chest, full of secrets. Jim invites him in and her dangerous voyage begins.

The visual impact from the National Theatre stage from costumes to the ship to the stage sets are absolutely stunning, worth the ticket price alone to witness this.

There will be two screenings of the National Theatre's performance on Wednesday, January 28th, with doors open at 1pm for a 1.30pm show, and 6.30pm for a 7pm show.

Tickets are £12 in advance, £15 on the door, or £10 for under 16s, available online from website ticket shop or The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699.

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Download a pack from www.lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

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Musbury offers a lively community, with a village hall, public house, primary school, playing field, Church, shop with petrol station and garage. On the doorstep there are numerous walks into the countryside including the East Devon Way and scenic Musbury Castle. Nearby the East Devon market town of Axminster famed for its carpet manufacturing and more re-



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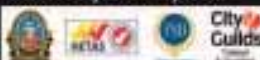
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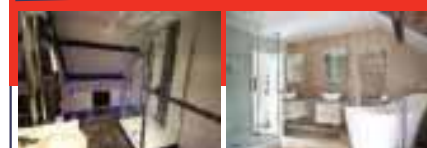
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The New Mercedes-Benz C 450 AMG Sport 4MATIC



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THE new AMG sports models are distinguished by convincing product substance. Even at first glance, the characteristic AMG body styling leaves no doubt that this model is part of the Mercedes-AMG model family. Another indication for the new model strategy is found in the form of a special AMG badge on the front wings. From an engineering standpoint the AMG sports models perfectly deliver on the visual promise of a sporty character with a powerful engine, the standard-fit all-wheel drive system with rear-biased torque split, and sophisticated suspension solutions.

In addition to the Mercedes-Benz GLE 450 AMG Coupé, the C 450 AMG Sport

4MATIC represents the second stage of the new model initiative. More emotionally inspiring AMG sports models will follow.

Tobias Moers, Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercedes-AMG GmbH explains: "With the C 450 AMG we present the second sporty and emotionally expressive vehicle in our product line. It combines the power of a strong twin-turbo V6 engine with a high level of emotional expressiveness, and avails itself of the technical DNA of the new C 63. The new sports models represent a convincing proposition for our customers: sports car technology and motor racing fascination become more attainable and in the process appeal

to a broader customer base."

Authentic driving dynamics thanks to hallmark AMG DNA

The new C 450 AMG Sport 4MATIC is based on the most powerful production model of the C-Class, the C 400 4MATIC. The engineers have revised many technical features of the new AMG sports model. Their objective: a high level of authentic driving dynamics geared towards the Mercedes-AMG C 63. To this end, a host of suspension components were adopted from the top-of-the-line V8 model. The driver also feels the DNA of the C 63 in the application of the engine and transmission management.

The new 3.0-litre twin-turbo V6 engine is part of the BlueDIRECT engine family from Mercedes-Benz. Technical advances including a modified boost pressure allowed the AMG engineers to increase the engine's power output and torque. With 367 hp and 520 Newton metres the V6 engine sets new standards in its segment – which is evident in the convincing performance: a sprint time from zero to 62 mph of 4.9 seconds (Estate: 5.0 seconds) underscores the sporty temperament of the C 450 AMG Sport 4MATIC. With a combined fuel consumption of 37.1 mpg and CO₂ emissions of 178 grams per kilometre (Estate: 36.6 mpg and 180 g CO₂ per km) the new top-of-the-line V6 model defines an absolute top position in the competitive environment.

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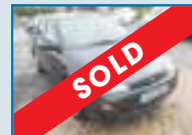


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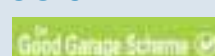


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Lexus's New High-Performance V8 Saloon



▲ Introducing The GS F

LEXUS has today revealed the new GS F at the Detroit motor show, the latest addition to its stable of F-designated high performance models. True to the principles that produced the LFA supercar and the RC F coupe, the 470bhp V8-powered GS F delivers sports car performance and handling, but in a luxury saloon car package.

Based on the current GS saloon, it retains the four-door format and can comfortably seat five adults, breaking new ground as the largest car yet to bear the Lexus F badge.

Yukihiko Yaguchi, chief engineer, explained: "Our cars with the F designation are meant to generate a very positive feeling when you're behind the steering wheel, and are designed to be fun to drive, no matter who's driving, or where. "With the GS F we wanted to make a

special car that would not only exceed the expectations of the most discerning enthusiast, but which could also be enjoyed by all drivers. In this spirit, it embraces the virtues of sound, response and power – the cornerstones of the Lexus F brand."

V8 engine and eight-speed transmission

The GS F is powered by Lexus's formidable normally aspirated 5.0-litre V8 engine, here producing 470bhp and peak torque in excess of 530Nm. The unit is mated to a lightning quick eight-speed automatic transmission that offers a manual shift capability and four driver-selectable operating modes: Normal, Eco, Sport S and, designed specifically for race track driving, Sport S+.

With a weight of 1,830kg, the rear-wheel drive saloon promises rapid accel-

eration and a top speed to give some race cars a run for their money. As well as being powerful, the 32-valve DOHC engine is fuel efficient, engineered to operate on the Atkinson cycle in everyday running and to switch seamlessly to the Otto cycle for performance driving and cruising at speed.

Handling honed on the race track

The GS F features structural reinforcements and an exclusive suspension design to capture the potential offered by its high-power engine. The intention has been to achieve sports car-like handling, with extensive circuit testing in Japan and on the famous Nürburgring Nord-schleife in Germany. The taut suspension, larger tyres (255/35R19 at the front, 275/35R19 at the rear) and uprated braking system combine to provide exceptional high-speed stability and sports car agility, with near-neutral handling balance through almost every kind of corner.

Lexus's innovative Torque Vectoring Differential, which made its debut in the RC F, features in a comprehensive standard equipment list that will make the GS F's performance stand out in its class.

Styling

The GS F gives the styling of the GS saloon a more powerful, performance-focused dimension, witnessed in the larger, more pronounced spindle grille with its dedicated F-model mesh pattern and the large air vents integrated cleanly into the front bumper section. The elegant-yet-sporty frontal appearance is further emphasised by the slim, angled headlights and signature L-motif daytime running lights.

The car sits noticeably lower and wider than other GS models, giving it a determined look that's amplified by the front air vents and 19-inch alloy wheels. At the rear there is a subtle carbon fibre spoiler and chrome-finished exhaust tailpipes.

The cabin adopts sports-themed features as well, while retaining its overall elegant form-follows-function design. Details include an electronic instrument display that automatically adjusts content and appearance according to the selected drive mode. The custom-designed front and rear seats provide extra lateral support, without sacrificing comfort.

A luxury feel is retained, with high-grade Alcantara on the door trims, centre console and upper instrument panel, an analogue clock and a remote-controlled video monitor. The GS F will be available (according to market) with a 17-speaker

Mark Levinson premium hifi system, while those who prefer to listen to the engine sound can take advantage of the Active Sound Control system when the car is driven in Sport S or Sport S+ mode. The Active Sound Control is like that featured in the RC F, but with additional use of rear seat speakers.

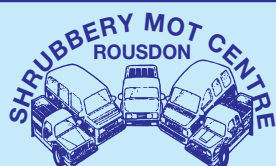
Yoshiharu Nakajima, project chief designer, said: "Fun to drive – it's what characterises all the cars wearing the F badge, and it was our intention that the GS F should be true to that quality."

"The style philosophy is 'form following function'. For example, the GS F's spindle grille was designed to further improve the car's aerodynamics and internal cooling, while the air outlets in the front wings, first seen on the IS F and more recently on the RC F, have been adopted because of their efficiency."



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**PERRY STREET LEAGUE
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UPLYME 0 MERRIOTT ROVERS 2**
UPLYME hopes of an extended run in the Daisy Hutchings Cup came to an end as they were beaten by a robust Merriott Rovers side that already has one hand on the Division Four Championship trophy.

The hosts enjoyed a period of good possession throughout the game but failed to convert this into goals against a side that manager Steve Gillan described as "Committed, aggressive and well organised at the back."

Top-scorer Jake Bearpark did go close for the Swallows in the 20th minute but his effort was held by the visiting keeper whose long clearance resulted in Niall Fifer conceding a penalty that Gillan felt was "the softest ever!"

Former Lyme Regis midfielder Dan Rudge made no mistake from the spot.

It was 2-0 soon after when a long cross-come-shot from Kev Richardson deceived keeper Sam Kapur who got too far underneath the ball and ended up dropping it into his own net.

Despite the loss Gillan was impressed by his centre-back pairing of Will Francis and Mark Taylor.

◆ Revised draw;

Drimpton (D2) v Thorncombe (D2),
Crewk Rangers (D2) v Waytown Hounds (D2),
Hawthorn Utd (D3) v Crewkerne Res (D2),
Barrington Res (D3) v Merriott Rovers (D4)
Ties scheduled for January 31st.

PREMIER

BEAMINSTER 7 ILMINSTER COLTS 0
A HAT-TRICK from Robin Jones helped Beaminster edge three points closer to the top half of the Premier Division table.

Alf Ward, Josh Hunter - who is now the division's leading scorer, Richie Runyard and player-manager Dean Newman scored the Rainbows' other goals

COMBE RES 0 LYME REGIS RES 2
LYME Regis Reserves ended a run of four straight defeats with a fine win on Saturday.

Other than an Ally Rattenbury free-kick that grazed the crossbar, the opening 27 minutes were decidedly uneventful.

But Lyme took the lead when Combe keeper Chris Scott fumbled a Rattenbury cross under pressure from Pete Peacock and the ball fell to Alex

Rowe who had the simple task of rolling the ball into the empty net.

Sam McCafferey missed a golden chance of equalising two minutes later when he slid the ball wide from close range when left completely unmarked at the far post.

The Seasiders were forced into a reshuffle in the 38th minute when goalkeeper Jedd Whittington was forced off with a leg injury and Ryan Turner took over between the sticks.

The second-half saw Lyme forced to defend the slope with the wind unusually gusting down the hill at Slades Cross.

But the Saints could only really craft two decent chances which were both squandered by striker Stuart Bicknell.

Lyme then survived what looked strong claims for a red-card when last defender Mark Batey tripped Steve Every - but referee Andy Dykes only produced the yellow version.

Darren Spurdle went close for the hosts with a 76th minute free-kick which clipped the crossbar with Turner beaten.

But the Seasiders responded well and Man-of-the-Match Sam Jones picked out Peacock who found the net with a superb lob that left Scott in no-man's land.

The last chance went to Bickenell who stabbed an effort past Turner but the ball rebounded off the foot of the post.

SHEPTON BEAU 8 MISTERTON 0
MISTERTON'S goals against column moved into three figures (106) as they were thrashed by title contenders Shepton Beauchamp up at their Brimgrove Lane stronghold.

The goals were shared between Dan Peach, Aaron Sweet, Jon Spendlow, Pete Field, Sam Hodgkinson, Will Aplin, an OG and 16-year-old debutant Brad Pitman.

S.PETHERTON 2 PERRY STREET 0
DARK horses South Petherton increased their own title claims as they moved up to third spot with a Rich Hebdtich inspired victory over current leaders Perry Street.

It was 0-0 at half-time but Hebdtich struck twice in a 10 minute spell either side of the hour mark.

Pethy ended the game with 10 men after Jody Bovey was shown a straight red-card for stamping by referee Simon Salter in the 65th minute.

DIVISION ONE

NETHERBURY 2 BARRINGTON 3
NETHERBURY started 2015 with a very entertaining game against the runaway Division One leaders of but feel they missed an opportunity to dent Barrington's impressive league record.

The opening 10 minutes were quite even, before Barrington winger Tom Perry capitalised on a deflection and volleyed the ball into the bottom corner from 10 yards.

The Ambers reacted well and put the visitors under pressure with John Kingston having a shot well saved. This pressure told when Kingston whipped in a corner and Karl Ives was on hand to prod the ball in from close range.

Barrington seemed quite subdued by this and Netherbury had the better of the game up until half time.

Netherbury took the lead with a swift counter attack just before the hour mark. Tom Franklin chipped a lovely ball down the wing to Mark Cuff who collected the ball neatly and crashed a left footed shot passed the keeper for 2-1.

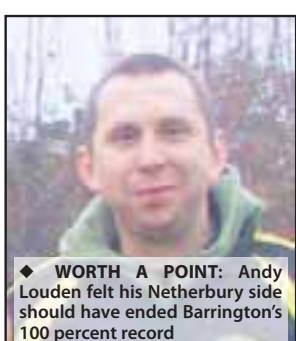
However, the Ambers failed to hold their slender lead and Barrington drew level when James Thompson netted from close range despite the home team complaints of a foul in the build-up.

The game was now quite evenly poised, but Barrington regained the lead with 20 minutes to go. A foul by Cuff resulted in a free-kick which Thompson managed to squeeze in off the bottom of the post from 25 yards.

To their credit Netherbury kept pushing for the equaliser, but Barrington keeper Mark Cullen made some smart saves and, at the other end also had their own gloveman Robin Hart to thank for several excellent saves when Barrington countered.

The Ambers did have a goal ruled out right at the death but ended the game with their six-match unbeaten league record smashed.

"I felt we missed a bit of an opportunity today and certainly deserved a point from the game."



◆ **WORTH A POINT:** Andy Loudon felt his Netherbury side should have ended Barrington's 100 percent record

All the players are disappointed as they sensed we could get a big result, but we now need to take this kind of performance forward to our next games" said Netherbury Manager Andy Loudon who picked out Franklin as his top performer but was also impressed by Dan Rendall on debut after his recent transfer from Charmouth.

WINSHAM UTD 2 PYMORE 2

PYMORE's recent good run continued with an impressive point at promotion chasing Winsham United.

The south Somerset side salvaged a point with an 80th minute Shane Partridge goal, his second of the match, after a double from Adam Cody-Boucher had the visitors edging ahead at 2-1.

DIVISION TWO

CHARMOUTH 0 COMBE A 2
CHARMOUTH remain in the wrong half of the Division Two table after a defeat against lowly Combe in a game which saw both teams end the day with 10 men.

Dale Hutter chested the ball in from

close range to give Combe a 1-0 lead at the interval.

Charmouth looked the stronger side after the turnaround but their momentum was disrupted when Rob Clarke kicked out at centre-back Josh Manley and was dismissed by referee Mike Dobson.

The Robins felt the incident was retribution for a previous offence on Clark by Manley.

With time running out Alex Cunnold was then sent-off for a late lunge on Ali Harvey.

There was still time for Oli Hine to rob Charmouth keeper Marcus Bearpark in the last minute and seal the win for the visitors.

Crewkerne Rangers 0 Waytown Hounds 4

DOUBLES from James Loveridge and Jon Legg helped Waytown Hounds move up into second spot in the Division Two table.

Loveridge put visitors ahead after Legg had been fouled but referee Chris Emmerson played a good advantage and Loveridge found the bottom corner.

Legg then made it 2-0 after being put through by Paul Watkins.

The Hounds had the wind at their backs and took advantage when Legg added a third before half time when he cut in from the right and beat the keeper at the near post.

The pick of the goals came early in the second half, Legg was harassing the Crewkerne back four chasing every ball and as he closed down the fullback, the ball fell to Loveridge who went round two defenders before cleverly playing the ball past the keeper and slotting it into the open goal.

Legg was then unlucky not to get his hat-trick when the keeper pulled off a double save to deny The Hounds Number 9.

Waytown boss Mark Hughes said: "It was another great team effort with centre backs Watkins and Tom Knott dealing well with very windy conditions, but Legg was named man of the match, after yet another fine display in which he took his recent tally to six in five matches."

Drimpton 5 Beaminster Res 0

DEPLETED Beaminster Reserves, missing four regulars through illness and work commitment, put in a good shift against a Drimpton side that is destined to be back playing Division One football next season.

"We had a number of chances in the first-half but, despite playing some neat football were not a match for opponents that have several players of Premier Division standard," said Beaminster Manager Ian Butcher who picked out keeper Dave Persey and stand-in centre-back Kieran Hawkins as his top performers.

Terry Farrell (2), Paul Richards, Craig Lodge and Murray Legg - against his old club - netted for the hosts.

**RESULTS - January 10th
DEVON & EXETER DIV THREE**
Chagford 3 Exmouth Amateurs Res 1
Clyst Valley Res a Axmouth Utd a (abandoned 29min)

Exmouth Town Res 2 Woodbury 0
Henry's Cronies 6 Thorverton Res 0
Lyme Regis p Pinhoe p
Tedburn St Mary p Cheriton Fitz p

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QF
Crewkerne 4 W & M Chinnock 0
(Played at W & M Chinnock)

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP R2**
Thorncombe (D2) 4 Hinton (D4) 1



◆ **DOUBLE:** Terry Farrell struck twice in Drimpton's win over Beaminster Reserves.

Uplyme (D2) 0 Merriott Rov (D4) 2

PREMIER
Beaminster 7 Ilminster Town Colts 0
Combe Res 0 Lyme Regis Res 2
Shepton Beauchamp 8 Misterton 0
South Petherton 2 Perry Street 0

DIVISION ONE
Farway Utd p Luso-Chard p
Netherbury 2 Barrington 3
Winsham Utd 2 Pymore 2

DIVISION TWO
Charmouth 0 Combe A 2
Crewkerne Rangers 0 Waytown H 4
Drimpton 5 Beaminster Res 0
Ilminster Town A 0 Crewkerne Res 1

DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers 4 Merriott Dyn 2
Chard Utd Res 3 Shepton Beau Res 1
Dowlish & Don 2 S.Petherton Res 3
Kingsbury Episc 2 Barrington Res 3
Millwey Res 2 Thorncombe Res 6

DIVISION FOUR
Combe B 2 Drimpton Res 1
Chard Utd AllStars 1 Farway Res 4

FIXTURES - January 17th

(all 2pm ko unless stated)
SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE
Barrington v Pensford (1.45)

PREMIER
Beaminster v Crewkerne Town
Combe Res v South Petherton
Ilminster Town Colts v Shepton Beau

DIVISION ONE
Chard Utd v Luso-Chard
Forton Rangers v Millwey Rise
Lyme Regis Bantams v Farway Utd

DIVISION TWO
Combe A v Crewkerne Rangers
Crewkerne Town Res v Charmouth
Drimpton v Uplyme
Thorncombe v Ilminster Town A
Waytown Hounds v Beaminster Res

DIVISION THREE
Dowlish & Donyatt v Chard Rangers
Hawthorn Utd v Thorncombe Res
Merriott Dynamos v Chard Utd Res
Millwey Rise Res v Kingsbury Episc
Shepton Beau Res v Barrington Res

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Utd AllStars v Hinton
Crewk Rang Res v Farway Utd Res
Uplyme Res v Merriott Rovers
Winsham Res v Chard Rangers Res

As they stand

Toolstation Prem Pld	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor Fm.....20	24	40
Melksham Town.....20	25	39
Slimbridge.....19	8	36
Brislington.....20	17	35
Bitton.....22	7	35
Willand Rovers.....17	15	34
Bradford Town.....20	3	34
BRIDPORT.....21	-6	31
Street.....24	0	31
Shepton Mallet.....20	-1	30
Odd Down.....20	7	29
Buckland Athletic.....17	9	27
Sherborne Town.....21	5	26
Gillingham Town.....21	-3	23
Cadbury Heath.....20	-14	22
Longwell Green.....22	-17	22
Hallen.....21	-12	21
Winterbourne Utd.....21	-21	20
Bishops Sutton.....22	-46	14

Dorset Premier Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham.....21	37	53
PORTLAND UTD.....20	49	51
Hamworthy Rec.....18	45	46
Parley Sports.....21	26	45
WEYMOUTH RES.....20	21	39
Shaftesbury Town.....19	3	34
Mere Town.....21	9	32
Wareham Rangers.....19	5	32
Westland Sports.....19	-1	27
Sherborne Res.....20	-4	27
BRIDPORT RES.....19	-9	23
Swanage & Herst.....16	-1	21
Tintinhull.....21	-24	19
Blandford Utd.....22	-29	19
Crabonrie.....21	-38	14
Sturminster Marshall.....22	-34	13
Hamworthy Utd Res.....18	-21	12*
Poole Borough.....21	-34	10

D & E Div Three Pld	+/	Pts
Exmouth Tn Res.....16	38	36
LYME REGIS.....14	45	30
Henry's Cronies.....12	37	29
Woodbury.....13	12	26
Chagford.....15	14	25
Exeter Univ 5ths.....12	8	25
Clyst Valley Res.....16	-9	19
Cheriton Fitzp.....15	0	18
Tedburn St Mary.....10	-10	14
Axmouth Utd.....12	-5	13
Thorverton Res.....14	-26	12
Exmouth Amt Res.....17	-34	11
Axminster Res.....16	-38	10
Pinhoe.....16	-32	9

Premier Pld	+/	Pts
Perry Street.....13	22	28
Shepton Beau.....12	37	27
South Petherton.....12	30	25
Crewkerne Town.....8	30	24
W & M Chinnock.....10	20	21
BEAMINSTER.....12	30	18
Combe Res.....11	21	12
LYME REGIS RES.....13	-18	12
Misterton.....11	-93	3
Ilminster Colts.....12	-79	0

Division One Pld	+/	Pts
Barrington.....10	39	30
Millwey Rise.....11	21	25
Winsham Utd.....12	16	25
Forton Rangers.....11	9	18
NETHERBURY.....10	7	17
Chard Utd.....13	2	16
LYME BANTAMS.....11	-13	11
Luso-Chard.....11	-24	9
PYMORE.....11	-17	5
Farway Utd.....10	-40	3

Division Two Pld	+/	Pts
Drimpton.....11	37	29
WAYTOWN HNDIS.....13	22	22
Thorncombe.....10	11	21
Crewk Rangers.....12	-6	17
UPLYME.....9	13	13
CHARMOUTH.....13	-9	13
Combe A.....12	-9	13
BEAMINSTER RES.....12	-3	11
Ilminster Town A.....11	-57	2*

Division Three Pld	+/	Pts
Chard Utd Res.....11	15	25
Barrington Res.....11	16	24
Kingsbury Episc.....11	16	21
S.Petherton Res.....13	-3	17
Hawthorn Utd.....10	10	16
Thorncombe Res.....12	0	16
Chard Rangers.....10	-10	12
Dowlish & Don.....11	-7	11
Shepton Beau Res.....10	-12	10
Merriott Dynamos.....9	-4	9
Millwey Rise Res.....10	-21	5*

Division Four Pld	+/	Pts
Combe B.....11	29	28
Merriott Rovers.....9	51	27
Winsham Utd Res.....12	-1	18
Crewk Rangers Res.....17	16	16
UPLYME RES.....9	4	15
Hinton St George.....8	-1	11
DRIMPTON RES.....11	-10	9
Farway Utd Res.....11	-8	9
Chard Rangers Res.....9	-15	9
Chard Utd AllStars.....12	-53	4

*= Pts deducted



◆ **ON TARGET:** Alex Rowe tapped in Lyme Reserves' opening goal at Combe Reserves.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results (Jan 5th): Talbot Arms 1 Lamb Swans 4, Nags Head p Old Inn Kiln p, New Inn Kiln 3 Royal Oak 2, Beer Club p Cloakham Lawns p, Ship Inn 4 Gerrard Arms 1, Stepps 3 Axminster Con Club 2.

Beer League: Talbot Arms 2 Lamb Swans 1, Nags Head p Old Inn Kiln p, New Inn Kiln 1 Royal Oak, Charmouth 2, Beer Club p Cloakham Lawns p, Ship Inn 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Stepps 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

Fixtures (January 19th): Cloakham Lawns v Stepps, Gerrard Arms, Colyton v Beer Club, Lamb Swans v Ship Inn LR, Old Inn Kiln v Talbot Arms, Royal Oak, Charmouth v Nags Head, Axminster Con Club v New Inn Kiln.

Table - week 16	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kiln	16	50
Lamb Swans	16	44
Beer Club	14	42
Axminster Cons	16	41
Ship Inn LR	16	40
Nags Head LR	15	39
Royal Oak	15	39
Talbot Arms	16	36
Gerrard Arms	16	36
Stepps	16	36
Old Inn Kiln	15	34
Cloakham Lawns	15	28

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kiln	15	27
Ship Inn LR	16	27
Lamb Swans	16	26
Stepps	16	26
Talbot Arms	16	25
New Inn Kiln	16	24
Royal Oak	15	23
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Nags Head LR	15	21
Axminster Con	16	21
Cloakham Lawns	15	19
Beer Club	14	18

Lyme Regis & Dist Darts

Tight at the top

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	9	18
Nags Head A	9	17
Rockpoint	9	14
Janners	9	10
Nags Z	8	9
Royal Standard	7	8
Hunters Lodge	9	7
Talbot Arms	9	7
Four Play	9	6
Cobb Arms	9	4
George	9	4
Half an Octopus	8	0

180s: Mark Barnett x4, R.Cross, Wayne Doble and Terry Prowse all x2, Tom Bond, Chris Higgs, Nick Bown, Rob Coombe and Mark Docherty all x1.

Hockey

Beaminster win close encounter

Beaminster Ladies 2 Salisbury 3rd 0
BEAMINSTER made it five wins on the trot as they came out on top in a hard-fought game against Salisbury 3rds to leapfrog them into fourth spot in Channel Division One. The hosts got just the start they needed returning after the Christmas break, when they took the lead after just two minutes against a side who were undefeated away from home so far this season. Hollie Clarke broke down the right and Phoebe Stewart met her cross to fire it firmly past the keeper. Jackie Gape almost double the ad-

vantage on six minutes but her shot following a mazy run was cleared off the line. However, Salisbury are a very capable side, and in midfield had two players who caused the home team problems with their tricky runs and good distribution, and the home defence had to be on their mettle. Following a good opening spell from Beaminster, Salisbury came close to equalising - first from a goalmouth melee that saw keeper Lisa Condliffe, back between the posts after a few weeks absence, showing she had not lost any of her skills when bravely getting down to

thwart a goalbound effort. Then soon after Julia May cleared a shot off the line to safety. Up front Beaminster were causing their opponents problems and created a number of chances before Gape added a second on 27 minutes. Her shot from a short corner was blocked by the keeper but from the resultant rebound she neatly beat her marker before firing home a strong drive into the far corner. The second half saw Salisbury come more into the game, with both sides making it a very entertaining match to watch. Pressure ebbed and flowed for a

while before the visitors began to pen Beaminster into their half, and only hard work all over the pitch closing down their opponents, and a superb smothering save from Condliffe midway, prevented Salisbury reducing the arrears. This was another great team performance from Beaminster with May and Tracey Smith's experience at the centre of defence invaluable against a good Salisbury side. **BEAMINSTER:** Lisa Condliffe, Julia May, Tracey Smith, Sarah Davies, Izzy Mullins, Jackie Gape, Genna Bunker, Megan Tuck, Phoebe Stewart, Hollie Clarke, Lydia Brooking.

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sherb 2nd	10	23
Bournemouth 3rd	10	18
B & SN 2nd	10	15
BEAMINSTER	11	15
Salisbury	10	13
Yeovil & Sherb 3rd	10	9
Salisbury 4th	10	9
Gillingham 2nd	9	9

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	12	33
Isca C	12	24
WEST DORSET	12	20
Bude	12	20
Sidmth & Ottery C	12	19
USHC Plymouth	12	17
Camborne SoM	12	14

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	10	30
WEST DORSET A	10	24
North Devon A	10	21
Chard A	10	15
Ashmoor A	9	14

Rugby

Great start as Bridport wallop Wimborne

Bridport 50 Wimborne 3rd 0
BRIDPORT got the New Year off to a great start by thumping Wimborne 3rd's who languish at the foot of the table with two wins to their name this season. However the visitors might have been first off the mark with a penalty in a kickable position, but chose to tap and go. The attack was snuffed out by determined Bridport tackling which set the tone for an excellent defensive display from the hosts. Another positive feature of Bridport's game was the much improved handling and distribution from the threequarters, opening up Wimborne's defence and letting Ricky Stubbs drift through an enormous gap to score. William Everitt converted the try. Lee Burdett added another well worked try, again converted by Everitt, who then spun a long looped pass to give Stubbs for his second try, although he failed to add the conversion to leave Bridport leading 19-0 at the break. The second half started with an excellent break from Ewan Dommatt making his debut for the senior side and playing with great confidence at No 8, and with the momentum all with Bridport, Bret Chant found himself on the end of another excellent move and was able to score out wide on the left. Donald Farmer missed the conversion. Bridport continued their scoring with Burdett adding to his tally with a storming run from the halfway line which Farmer converted, before Dommatt set up Freddie Woolner for the next score, the latter missing the conversion. Farmer was proving to be a handful for

the opposition, and he provided the ball for Ricky Stubbs to record a hat-trick which Woolner converted. The Blues reached the half-century when Harry Richardson spun through several tackles to score for Woolner to add the two points. Wimborne didn't give up and enjoyed periods of pressure, but were no match for a resurgent Bridport who next week are at home to Salisbury 2nds next Saturday who will be a much tougher proposition. **Weymouth Colts 0 Bridport 50**
AFTER an even start Bridport stepped up a gear after 15 minutes with some good scrums, lineouts and loose play. Tries came from Woolner, Cullen, Baldwin, Dommatt, Perkin and a very enjoyable one from prop forward Seb Phillips who broke away and the outrun backs over 40 yards to reach the line. Bridport scored eight tries with five conversions by Woolner and Petchy. The game finished early as Weymouth ran out of players; they simply were not fit or tough enough to withstand the onslaught of attack after attack in the second half. **Swanage & Wareham U13 28 Bridport 29**
IN a hard fought match Bridport opened the scoring with a wonderful solo run from Corbin Newman with the conversion sealed by man of the match Josh Craven. Swans hit back and took advantage of some lack lustre tackling to forge into a 21-12 half time lead after captain Eddie Gale



◆ **COMING THROUGH:** Bridport Colts had an easy victory over Weymouth. Sam Petchy is seen here making a break for for the line with great support from his colleagues.

had also sped in for a try to keep Bridport interested. The second half began badly for Bridport with Swans again securing a converted try; tackling again being the main reason. Although 28-12 down, it seemed to spur a Bridport revival, and Craven again working hard, scored under the posts and then converted his try. Henry Wyrill with help from Nathan Aplin pulled another one back after Swans fumbled on their line and then Wyrill capped a great display by picking up from a ruck and powering over in the corner from 15 metres to secure the win and his second try.

Found exchanged passes to put each over Found twice, before wing Archie Smith, weaved through a melee to break free and score an individual try for a 6-0 victory. In the second game, Swans rallied and scored first. However Found's captaincy held Bridport firm, and William Smith conjured up two tries out of nothing. Swans scored twice more, but Found, relishing the leadership, scored three tries, followed by Hansford-Harvey to give a second victory 6-3. Next week they meet Wimborne, and if all Bridport players tackle like Toby Gale, they may make a game of it.



◆ **MADE IT:** More match action from Bridport Colts 50-0 win at Weymouth Colts. **Photos by MARK PERKINS**

Under 11s
AFTER the drubbing at the hands of Dorchester pre Christmas, a game against Swanage & Wareham was just what was needed to set the benchmark for the New Year. And what a standard Bridport set. In the first of two 20-minute games, they drove over, and quickly fed the ball away from ruck and maul to their speed merchants. There were no knock-on's; just silky handling; and all the backs went over for a try. James Clatworthy set the scoreboard ticking by taking a pass at pace and running half of the pitch to score, before Oliver Hansford-Harvey, who also tackled like a demon, flew along the touch line to score in the corner. Then the forwards weighed in. Captain Thomas Craven and vice-captain George

Under 9s
BRIDPORT turned the tables on their visitors Swanage & Wareham who had beaten them comfortably when they last met. New recruit, Stanley Cooper, made an immediate impact, tackling fearlessly and forcing turnover ball. Barney Johnson, back to full health, also imposed himself with three tries. Dom Burdett showed his pace to score another and James Glanville also scored. Swans managed three in reply to give Bridport a deserved 5-3 win. In the second game tries came aplenty as tacklers tired. For Bridport Charles Edwards, later named player of the match, scored four splendid tries, with Glanville, Patrick May, Burdett and Johnson all adding one apiece. Swans responded with eight of their own to draw the game.

U6 football in Bridport

BRIDPORT Football Club are launching a new under 6s team.

Training sessions will be held at Colfox School on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 7pm.

Please contact Martin Phillips (manager) on 07969 882496 for more details.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures

Cup Winners Cup - R2
Monday, January 19th
Crazy Gang v Castouts (5)
Brandy Snaps v Pinbashers
Wednesday January 21st
U Know the B v Lively Lads
Thursday, January 22nd
Shipfaced v Pioneers (15)
Bangers v Alleycats (15)
Yo Yo's (5) v Unknowns
Wanderers v Mean Mac (10)
Friday, January 23rd
Originals v Bulldogs

Knockout Cup - R3
Monday, January 19th
Alleycats v Aussies Lot
Tuesday, January 20th
Bulldogs v Shipfaced
Rejects v Yo Yo's
Wednesday, January 21st
Nelson Nob v Brandy Snaps
Castouts v Groundhogs
Thursday, January 22nd
Rough Eight v Whisky Chas
Lively Lads v Broadoak
Friday, January 23rd
Pioneers v Crazy Gang

Losers Cup A & B - R2
Tuesday, January 20th
Rockets v The Dingles
Mean Machine v Dingbats
Thursday, January 22nd
7" Clock v Slingers
Friday, January 23rd
Miss the Ball v LHS

Division A	Pld	Pts
Rejects	9	14
Shipfaced	9	14
Wanderers	8	14
Masters	10	12
Rockets	10	12
Denhay	10	11
Outsiders	9	10
Rough Eight	10	8
Lively Lads	10	6
Slingers	10	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broadoak	10	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
U Know the Bloses	10	17
Dingbats	10	16
Originals	8	14
Nelson Nobblers	7	12
NBC	10	10
LHS	9	8
Bangers	8	7
7" Clock	10	6
Crazy Gang	10	6
Miss The Ball	10	6
Gerrytrics	8	4
Mean Machine	10	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	10	18
Castouts	10	16
Bulldogs	10	14
Whiskey Chasers	9	13
Pioneers	10	12
Aussies Lot	10	8
Pinseekers	10	8
Staplepeodes	10	8
Alcoholics	9	6
Survivors	10	6
Unknowns	10	6
AFAR	10	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Yo Yo's	10	16
Groundhogs	8	14
Alleycats	10	12
Brandy Snaps	9	10
Hidden Talent	8	10
Offcuts	9	9
Featherbeds	9	8
Stinger	9	8
Bad Girls	10	7
Pinbashers	10	4
Tiger Lilies	10	4

Highest individual League score:
A. Coombes (Outsiders) and F. Parsons (Originals) both 92.

Bees news

Four-goal Moores has a field day

Bridport Reserves 0 Hamworthy Rec 4

STRIKER Jamie Moores scored all four goals as Hamworthy Rec maintained their challenge for the Dorset Premier League title.

It had looked like the dull and listless first half would end goalless when a minute before the break Moores latched on to a superb reverse pass from Max Willcox to blast his shot just inside Jamie Fry's right hand post.

The deadlock broken, he found the net three more times in the second half to earn his side an easy victory.

The game was devoid of any real goalmouth action until the 40th minute when the Bridport defence was forced to work hard to clear the ball, but Moores finally broke the duck four minutes later.

It looked like Bridport might get back in the game two minutes after the break when Chris Herbst crossed from the left and Kane Andrews was forced to head behind for a corner.

However Rec increased their lead on 51 minutes.

A cross from the right from Luke Dawes, who Bridport claim was two yards offside, was met by an unmarked Moores at the far post who headed home from close range.

Herbst was booked for disputing the goal and immediately substituted by Roger Cummings.

Hamworthy were now in command and were unlucky when first Dominic Allen's shot was deflected over the bar by Alan Hill, before Dan Peart was on hand to clear Ian Barlett's header from a corner off the line.

The Bees thought they had pulled a goal back on 73 minutes when Jack Scovell followed up to score after Ben Clarke had appeared to have been brought down in the penalty area. Not only was Scovell's goal ruled out, but Hamworthy awarded a free kick.

Hamworthy made sure of the points four minutes later when a raid down the left saw Allen sweep on the cross for Moores, once again unmarked on the right, to control the ball before firing his shot beyond Fry into the corner of the

net. Cummings had a chance almost immediately to pull a goal back when Clarke pulled the ball back from the byeline, but the sub instead of hitting it first time tried to set the shot up and fired it high over the crossbar.

The game began to get scrappy after this with tempers beginning to fray, eventually resulting in a red card for Dawes ten minutes from time.

Peart, frustrated at the match situation and annoyed at overrunning the ball following a run, barged into the Rec defender.

The result of the collision was that Peart after going to ground suddenly grabbed his face as if it had been struck.

Red card

Surrounded by protesting players from both sides, referee Paul Axon who had appeared over officious and inconsistent all afternoon, showed Dawes a red card, apparently for throwing mud at Peart in protest at his decision

to award in Bridport's favour.

The resulting free-kick from Ashley Walkey saw Rec keeper Andy Knight tested for the first time in the game, leaping to his left to turn the curling 25-yard shot away from the far post.

The travelling fans thought justice had been done a minute from time when Peart underhit his back pass, allowing Moore to capitalise and fire under Fry to complete the scoring.

Bees manager Robin Townsend, who changed the formation to a diamond style, had been pleased by his side's first half performance, but agreed that in the end Hamworthy were too good for them.

Townsend said: "I thought after the first ten minutes we started to grow into the game, and were slightly the better side, but their goal just on half-time was disappointing.

"We thought the second one just after the break however was well offside; the assistant was talking to our subs and not watching the game!"

Wessex Point-to-Point

Good starts for Barber and Biddick

HENLEY trainer Jack Barber and three-time National Champion jockey Will Biddick started the New Year in great fashion with a double at the first point-to-point meeting of the season at Larkhill last week where all the races were well contested with 112 of the 144 entries going to post.

They teamed up with a winning double starting with the first race of the day, the Larkhill Racing Club Members Conditions (Div 1) with 6/4fav Subtle Sovereign winning by three lengths.

The eight-year old raced alongside runner-up Kazuri Kate (Claire Hart) throughout, before asserting over the final three fences.

"He was my first winner as a trainer, last as a jockey and this is his third win here," smiled a clearly delighted Barber.

They followed this success with Benedictus (7/2) in the Mens Open, giving his new owners immediate success when benefiting from a vintage holdup ride to win by 6 lengths from Perfectly Willing (Mark Wall) and 6/4fav Quinz (Joe Hill) approaching the last.

"I sold him to Graham Cotton, Ray Barrow, Robert Trevanthen, Michael Twyford, Cyril Moate and John Irish, partly at my owners' day and partly before," revealed Jack. "It's too early to make plans - we'll just take it one race at a time."

The duo's hopes of a treble were dashed when Ask The Weatherman's renewed effort in the first Restricted was denied by Native Pride and jockey Max Kendrick, who had rerouted from Plumpton.

Herbert triumphs on top in opening match

LYME Regis Sea Angling Club had its first Saturday league shore match of the New Year on Saturday.

Fishing took place from 6pm until 11pm; the anglers goal being the most number of different species, including mini species.

Despite the weather forecast the new shore secretary, Simon Lippett had a good turnout of anglers, with 16 members and one guest fishing.

Five beard rockling, shore rockling, pout, and whiting were all caught in numbers by most of the anglers, along with dogfish, bullhuss and flounder.

There were even a couple of bass caught which were unfortunately undersized and so were put straight back.

Despite the forecast, the wind dropped out and the sea had calmed right down just before the start of the match.

Most anglers fished around the Harbour walls, but a few fished from Monmouth beach, the main beach, and also from the new wall at the Eastern end of Lyme.

The winner with five species was Darren Herbert, with Josh Chestney (four) second and Ben Male also with four species in third.

The next fish will be the first of the Wednesday League matches on January 21st at Seaton where fishing for "the best single specimen" will take place from 6.30pm until 10.30pm.

New members are more than welcome, and if you would like to join up, please visit *The Tackle Box* and ask for an application form.

Send your sports news, reports, scores and photos to; howard@pemedias.co.uk

Lyme Golf

Parfitt outshoots the rest on route to 66

IN the January medal, big-hitting Richard Parfitt's 10 pars and three birdies for a net 66 earned the Division One honours from Maurice De Pasquale's creditable net 68 with club vice-captain John Coley 3rd with a net 70.

Matt Rose had a steady round to win Division Two with a net 67 and Jeremy Linnert and Matthew Brotherton were both under par with a net 69, the former taking 2nd place.

Stuart Marples and Roy Bain were the trailblazers in Divisions One and Two of the seniors' January stableford each with a formidable 41 points.

Stuart, a keen walking footballer, showed a clean pair of heels to Stuart Briggs and John Toates who came 2nd and 3rd on countback, with 39 points in Division One.

Division Two was closer as Roy's margin of victory was by just one point from Dave Dallas and two from Bob Shepherd in 3rd.

Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	11	18
Knapp Inn	11	16
Nomads	11	15
Robb Robbers	11	14
Hands of Time	11	12
Nags Head A	11	11
Outsiders	11	10
Rubber Johns	11	9
It's in the Middle	10	6
The Hitmen	11	3
One for the Vikings	11	3
180s leaders: Graham Knight & Tony Young both x4, seven players x3		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	10	20
Elders	10	14
Odds or Us	10	12
Dat Team	9	12
Poachers	10	10
Les Miserables	10	10
Royal Hawks	9	7
Anchor Vale Viewers	10	7
The Surgeons	10	3
Flashes Fives	10	3
180s leaders: Len Challis, P. Rowley, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid (all x2).		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	10	15
Midnight Runners	10	12
Interbetweeners	10	12
Mis Fit	10	12
Time Bombs	9	11
Anchor Five	10	11
Odds & Sods	9	7
Tip Top Odds	10	7
Only Just	10	6
The Royal Nuts	10	5
180s leaders: Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
No Direction	10	16
Robbie's Rebels	9	16
Dodgers	10	13
Tiger Bees	10	13
Sorted Odds	10	9
Whamo	10	8
Con Artists	9	8
Money Shot Mafia	10	7
Mozzies Heroes	10	4
Red Arrows	10	4
180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).		

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trip	13	24
Anchor Aces	13	19
Clocking In	12	16
Knight 'n' Gals	13	15
Queen Bees	13	12
Against the Odds	12	8
Queenies of the Club	13	4
Cliff Hangers	13	4
180s: Sarah Chick, Janet Collins & Sue Violet all x1.		

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Castaways	12	18
Tracey's Tarts	12	18
Next Door	11	13
Sue's Rebels	10	12
Anchor Aweigh	11	10
Wildcats	10	10
Good Mates	12	9
Tiger Stripes	12	7
Charlie's Angels	12	5
180s leaders: L. Sweet x1		

Dorset Football League

Second half brace keeps Islanders in title mix

Dorset Premier League

WAREHAM 0 PORTLAND UNITED 2

THE Islanders returned from a tricky fixture in the Purbeck's with all three points in a close match settled by two goals in minutes early in the second half.

Lewis Clarke put them ahead on 49 minutes converting Ed Bastick's cross, before Carl Mutch doubled their lead immediately when he headed home from a corner. The win sees Portland in second place, just two points behind leaders Merley Cobham Sports with a game in hand. However, Hamworthy Recreation are well positioned in third.

They beat Bridport Reserves 4-0 and are seven points behind Merley but with three games in hand.

Dorset Football League Senior League
WITH leaders CHICKERELL UNITED

going down 5-3 at Gillingham Town Reserves, THE BALTI HOUSE moved back to top spot with a 3-1 victory over visitors Holt United with goals from Ricky Lane (2) and Grant Chance.

Jamie Samways scored the only goal of the game for Piddletrenthide Spartans at PORTLAND UNITED RESERVES to move up into the top four, but DORCHESTER SPORTS were beaten 3-1 at Blandford United Reserves.

Division One

KIM Tinker's goal for Bere Regis was not enough to prevent visitors Stourpaine winning 2-1 to maintain top spot. Just behind are KANGAROOS who beat Shaftesbury Town Reserves 3-0 with goals from Richard Beasley, Ashley White and Taylor Quinton.

Division Two

JACK Brow score both goals for CHICKERELL UNITED RESERVES in their 2-2 draw with Piddlehinton United.

Division Three

LOWLY Sturminster Newton United Reserves caused the upset of the day by beating leaders Strickland United 2-1, which allowed Wool & Winfrith to close the gap to one point following their 5-2 victory over visitors PUDDLETOWN.

PORTLAND TOWN RESERVES moved up into fourth place after their 4-2 success at Handley Sports with goals from Alex Counter, Robert Darch, Matthew Greening and Antony Morris.

Division Four

PORTLAND UNITED YOUTH maintained their unbeaten record with a 2-1win

over visitors Overmoigne with a brace from Robert Maxsted whilst Chris Nelson netted for the visitors.

Goals from Matthew Dear and Ben Murphy were not enough to save UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB OF POUNDBURY from defeat against visitors South Cheriton United Reserves.

The bottom two clubs KANGAROOS RESERVES and Corfe Mullen United Reserves fought out a 2-2 draw with William Turland getting both for the Kangaroos, and Michael Fleetham and Seb Moore replying for Corfe Mullen.

Division Five

BOTTOM side PORTLAND TOWN B were beaten 6-1 at home by league leaders Marnhull.

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sport round-up

No go Joe - Bond shuns Vikings raid

AS forecast in this column a week ago UPLYME found themselves up against it in their Daisy Hutchings last 16 cup-tie against Merriott Rovers at Venlake on Saturday.

On paper a 2-0 defeat by the Division Four side over their Di-

vision Two hosts represents quite a giant-killing for the south Somerset outfit.

But in reality it has been evident from very early on in the season that Merriott, who reformed in the summer having finally had new changing rooms

built on their old Recreation Ground home, would have the personnel to stroll to promotion and probably up through the Divisions.

Over at the Davey Fort a waterlogged pitch prevented LYME REGIS from taking on lowly Pinhoe - the Devon & Exeter League Division Three match was called off on Friday lunchtime.

But the Reserves, whose manager Gerard Hitchcock resisted the temptation to include any one of half-dozen eligible first team regulars, banked three welcome Perry Street League Premier Division points with a 2-0 win at Combe Reserves - a result which all-but banishes any faint relegations worries.

Alex Rowe tapped into an empty net after the Saints former Winsham United keeper Chris Scott had spilled a deep Ally Rattenbury cross to give the Seasiders a slender half-time lead.

This was doubled 13 minutes from time when Pete Peacock judged a 20-yard lob to perfection to clinch the team's first win on their travels for almost exactly a year.

The one minus point was a leg injury which forced off Jedd Whittington in the first-half to further add to the club's goal-keeping shortage.

Meanwhile, CHARMOUTH failed to build on their impressive 4-3 win over Crewkerne Rangers last time out when they went down 2-0 at Barrs Lane against Combe A.

Both teams ended the game with 10 after new league referee Mike Dobson stamped his authority on the game by brandish-

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ing his red card twice.

This coming weekend's fixtures sees Lyme Regis head off west to face Clyst Valley Reserves.

Lyme striker Joe Bond, the recent subject of an unsuccessful approach from South-West Peninsula League midtableers Sidmouth Town, will be polishing his shooting boots - the Seasiders' 15-goal leading scorer plundered five goals in the reverse fixture at the Fort back in November when Lyme cantered to an 8-0 victory.

Of the approach from Sidmouth Bond told *View Sport*: "They are wasting their time, I'm staying with the lads - I'm a Seasider!"

Lyme Reserves have no fixture, but the Bantams make their first appearance of 2015 when they entertain bottom-of-the-table Farway United in a Division One clash that is likely, pitch permitting, to be switched to the Davey Fort from the Woodroffe School (2pm ko).

Down in Division Two both Uplyme and Charmouth are on the road.

Uplyme face another tough test when they take on unbeaten title favourites favourites Drimpton.

At the same time Charmouth are in action at Henhays when Crewkerne Town Reserves provide the opposition.

Spare a thought for Uplyme Reserves who take on a Merriott Rovers side who (see above) have just beaten the Swallows' first team!

◆ **STAYING:** Joe Bond pictured with the Dorset Intermediate Cup after his stunning hat-trick in last April's Cup Final
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE



◆ **CRUCIAL:** Pete Peacock (yellow shirt) forces a fumble from Combe Reserves' keeper Chris Scott and Lyme Reserves are about to take the lead at Slades Cross on Saturday.
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